



WARNING OVER VIGILANTE FEAR

BY MEGAN ARCHER

A COUNCILLOR is urging residents not to take the law into their own hands, after a recent spate of crime in the area.

Helen Snape, chairman of Great Wyrley Parish Council, is urging anyone with information about crime or suspicious activity to call police rather than tackle the matter themselves.

The message comes after the council was made aware of locals discussing ways to beat criminal activity in Great Wyrley, without getting the police involved.

She said: "We are aware of a number of posts on social media regarding crime in the village and comments regarding people taking the law into their own hands. We would strongly urge against this."

"We would ask that any information about recent crime or suspicious behaviour in the village is passed on to local police via 101."

"Staffordshire Police, like any force across the country, are under sustained pressure from high demand this summer."

"We do, however, have a solid local policing team covering the area, and one which the parish council has a good relationship with."

Extra

"I have passed details of the suspicious vans over to them and am in regular contact with local officers."

Councillor Snape also said that if incidents were not reported to the police, it made Great Wyrley look like a 'trouble-free area'.

She added: "If we look like a trouble-free area, then the local commander will not put resources into the area and will not be justified in asking for extra officers."

"If incidents are reported, it creates a better intelligence picture and allows the local commander to request potentially extra resources and powers."

"Yes, Staffs are stretched but the answer is not taking the law into our own hands."

"This is dangerous and puts members of the public at risk. Report things and don't get involved in confronting people."

A spokesman for Staffordshire Police said: "We would always encourage the public to report crime to the police by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency."

"You can also provide information anonymously via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

The spokesman said the force had advice online at staffordshire.police.uk/info

TOGETHERNESS IS THE AIM OF SUMMER FESTIVAL



Robin Kingston, left, Lynn Evans and Paul Woodhead get in the mood for the Hednesford Summer Festival

A FESTIVAL seeking to 'bring the community together' will take place this weekend.

The Hednesford Summer Festival returns to Hednesford Park for the third year running.

The free event, which is run by the Hednesford in Partnership group, will feature wide-ranging activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Paul Woodhead, chairman of the organising committee, said the event was an important

step for community togetherness. "The aim is to try to bring all the bits of our community together at the park," Mr Woodhead said.

"We have around 108 different organisations and groups coming together to give back to the community."

The event will comprise a stage featuring a number of musical acts from the area, while a display of around 70 classic cars, bikes and trucks will be on show at the park. For children, the popular Grow Up Great Zone re-

turns, with activities including a toddler area, Punch & Judy shows, bouncing castles and slides, fun fair rides and a dog agility show.

Parents can browse up to 65 market stalls run by local businesses and community groups. A tug o' war competition is also being held.

The community and council-funded festival takes place from 11am until 4pm at Hednesford Park, Victoria Street, on Saturday.

SAFETY

Car park forced to shut in town centre

A MULTI-STORY car park in Cannock town centre has been closed because it is in a state of disrepair.

St Modwen, the car park's leaseholder and operator, has decided to close the car park until further notice for investigation, and for health and safety purposes due to structural concerns. Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "St Modwen has not made this decision lightly and are keeping the interests of public safety at the forefront."

Desmond Kemp, property manager at St Modwen, said: "The car park requires extensive remedial works."

POLICE

School vandalism caught on CCTV

A HEADTEACHER says he is 'very confident' that the culprits will be swiftly brought to justice after vandals ransacked his school.

The yobs caused extensive damage to The Hart School in Rugeley after it shut for the summer holiday.

Headteacher Chris Keen says there is CCTV footage capturing those who carried out the raid, which happened on July 29.

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IMMIGRATION

'Illegals' probe as 11 found in lorry

ELEVEN people suspected of being illegal immigrants were found in the back of a lorry on the M6 Toll.

They were treated for dehydration after being discovered near Norton Canes at 8.15pm on Monday. All were assessed but none needed hospital treatment, motorway police said. The 11 were arrested on suspected immigration offences.

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'Sludge' Lees funeral date announced



Ian 'Sludge' Lees

THE funeral of comedian Ian 'Sludge' Lees takes place at the end of this month, his family have revealed.

Tributes have flooded in to the star who died last week aged 74, just weeks after being diagnosed with cancer.

His son, Tom Mills, announced the funeral will take place at St Mary's Church in Cannock on August 30, at 11.30am.

The service, which is open to the public, will be followed by a private cremation at Bushbury Crematorium.

A wake, also open to the public, will be held at Molineux Stadium's WV1

Suite. Mr Mills said: "We would like to invite everyone who knew Dad or who wishes to pay their respects to Dad to St Mary's and also the Molineux afterwards."

"Dad spend his life performing to large crowds, making them laugh and I know he would have wanted his funeral to be a celebration of his life with lots in attendance."

'Sludge' was born and grew up in Cannock, first appearing as a singing act at pubs in the town aged just 10. In the 1970s he changed his career path to become a comedian, and appeared on

television shows such as New Faces and Tiswas. In 1992, he became part of Granada TV's The Comedians.

He then toured the Midlands circuit for the next 26 years. Fan John Lowman started a group on Facebook in appreciation of the comedian nine years ago.

He said: "I first met Ian in the late 70s and quickly spotted what a nice warm person he was. I thought he was as funny off-stage as on. In fact it didn't matter if he was performing on-stage to 500 or a couple of mates at a bar he would give it 100 per cent every time."

Rail hub protest grows as deadline gets nearer

PLANS to build a rail hub on 700 acres of Staffordshire countryside have been handed over to experts – as campaigners vowed to step up their fight to stop it.

Four Ashes Ltd, which is behind the West Midlands Interchange scheme, has submitted an application for development consent.

Thousands of families opposed to the development now face a four-week wait to discover whether initial plans for the freight hub at Gailey will be allowed to progress.

The Planning Inspectorate will pore over plans to decide whether they are acceptable to move towards a full application.

Senior figures, including South Staffordshire MP and Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson, say the rail hub will create havoc and bring extra traffic and noise and see the countryside ripped up.

Talks

Now campaigners, who fear the arrival of the rail hub could push villages including Brewood, Calf Heath and Gailey towards 'extinction', have called on residents to back them. Donna Gilmartin, from Stop Gailey Freight Hub, said: "We are going to renew our campaign."

"We have been in talks with both MPs, Gavin Williamson and Jeremy Lefroy, who are still actively against this development."

"We will be asking the community to voice their concerns to the Planning Inspectorate. You have to have factual evidence of why it is not a good place to put a freight hub, and that's what we will be presenting to them."

"Imagine another 20,000 vehicles. It would be horrendous. All the little lanes would become rat-runs."

"All the local villages will be extinct basically if this thing comes."

The Planning Inspectorate will now scrutinise the plans, on behalf of the Secretary of State. A decision on whether the plans are ready to move to the next stage is expected by August 31.

Warning on burning garden waste



Fire crews from Cannock and Lichfield were called to Morley Road, Burntwood

FIRE service bosses are urging residents to think twice before burning off weeds or waste in the garden following a blaze in Burntwood which left one man injured.

When the weather conditions are hot and dry it can be dangerous to use fire to burn off weeds and garden waste, Staffordshire Fire

and Rescue Service says. "I know we have had some rain recently but unfortunately the ground and vegetation is still very dry," group manager Dermot Hogan said.

"The same goes for wooden panels like the ones involved here. This makes it very easy for them to ignite and for fire to spread."

Crews from Cannock and Lichfield were called to Morley Road on Friday. An elderly man suffered burns to an arm and was treated by paramedics.

A blowtorch had been used to burn away weeds when flames spread to the fencing, the man's home and a neighbour's property.

Beano man to visit town for reading challenge

BEANO illustrator Hunt Emerson is to visit Cannock as part of this year's Mischievous Makers themed Summer Reading Challenge.

He will be hosting a workshop for children at Cannock Library from 2 to 4pm on August 17 talking about his time as an illustrator for the famous comic.

Youngsters attending the event will have the chance to create their very own comic strip characters.



Mr Emerson

He said: "I have worked for the Beano for over 15 years now, and the most fun I get from the job is meeting children in schools and libraries. With it being the Beano's 80th birthday this year I'm delighted to be visiting Cannock."

Tickets cost £2 per child and booking is available via Cannock Library.

The Summer Reading Challenge asks four to 11-year-olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer holidays.

As children read their books, they will receive special stickers.

To take part, children can sign up at their nearest library where they will be given a colourful collectors map of Beanotown to keep a record of their Summer Reading Challenge journey.

Wildlife group to lead bat walk

THE Cannock group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust have a bat walk at Shoal Hill on Saturday meeting at 9pm in the car park in Cocksparrow Lane, Shoal Hill.

For details contact group secretary Jeff Brough on 01889 881889.

All are welcome to attend the event, which has been jointly organised with the South East Staffs Bat Group. They can be contacted on 07967 636 115 or at chris@bat-survey.co.uk

Meanwhile, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is inviting visitors to its headquarters to try out its Bumbly-Bee Trail.

It costs £2 to take part in the nature walk at the Wolsley Centre in Wolsley Bridge, between Rugeley and Stafford.

The trail is open each day through the school holidays until September 2.

Keyless thefts spree

POLICE are investigating a spate of 'keyless' car thefts. Audi, BMW, Mercedes and Volkswagen cars are being targeted in the district. A police spokesman said: "We're experiencing a high number of crime reports for keyless thefts in South Staffordshire."

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2,000-name petition is sent to bank over closure

A PETITION backed by thousands to save the last bank in a town's high street has been handed in.

More than 2,250 people have backed the campaign to prevent the closure of Lloyds Bank in Market Street, Hednesford.

Councillor Paul Woodhead, who launched the online and paper petition, has now presented the petition to Antonio Horta-Osorio, who is the group chief executive of Lloyds Banking Group.

The councillor launched the petition two months ago after the banking giant announced its decision to shut 49 of its branches in a nationwide shake-up. Without the branch, customers would have to travel nearly three miles to Cannock to access their nearest bank.

Meanwhile, Tony McGovern, managing director of Cannock Chase Council, has also written to Mr Horta-Osorio, calling on the bank to reverse its decision.

In the letter he wrote: "I am writing on behalf of Cannock Chase Council to formally object to the decision to close Lloyds Bank located at Market Street, Hednesford.

"This issue was debated at length at our council meeting held on July 25.

"Councillors from across the political spectrum expressed their concern and dismay at this decision."

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£200k earmarked for road safety

UP to £200,000 has been made available to help improve the safety of roads in Staffordshire.

Communities are being invited to apply for funding for road safety projects.

It is part of a pilot initiative by the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership, and the funding is being provided through a bidding process with £200,000 available over a two-year period.

Activities should aim to address an identified road safety issue which is of concern to the community.

Applications can be submitted until September 14.

For more information about the initiative go to www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/

£1k from car wash

STAFF raised £1,000 from a charity car wash at Briggs Equipment in Orbital Way, Cannock. The money raised is going to Alzheimer's Research UK, which has been selected as the forklift truck company's charity of the year.

Council solicitor and director face probe



Staffordshire County Council HQ

A DIRECTOR and a senior solicitor at Staffordshire County Council are being investigated over alleged professional misconduct.

The council confirmed a complaint has been made about both director John Tradewell and Matthew Angus, a solicitor at the council, for potentially breaching the Legal Services Act and it would help officials with any investigation.

A spokesman for the Solicitors Regulatory Authority (SRA) said they were unable to comment on matters they were investigating. In a state-

ment the SRA said: "We can confirm a complaint has been made against John Tradewell and Matthew Angus that we are looking into."

The council confirmed the complaint was first lodged with the SRA in December. A Staffordshire County Council spokesman said: "We understand a complaint was made by a member of the public to the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) in December last year. Reports say the SRA is 'looking into this' but the SRA has not asked for any information from the county council.

"We have written to the SRA to find out more." Mr Tradewell, director of strategy, governance and change at the county council is also acting chief executive of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, but Staffordshire County Council said this had nothing to do with the complaint.

A Scouty council spokesperson said it had not been contacted by the SRA to date about a complaint, but would be happy to help with any queries should they do so. Neither Mr Tradewell nor Mr Angus has been suspended from the council.

Hi-tech fightback as bill for rural crime at £900k

THE cost of rural crime in Staffordshire has soared by 43.7 per cent last year – to the tune of £916,544.

New figures show that rural crime cost £916,544 in the county last year compared with £638,024 in 2016.

The items most commonly targeted by thieves were tools, quad bikes and all-terrain vehicles and 4x4s. The figures come from the NFU Mutual's annual rural crime report which reveals that the UK saw a 13.4 per cent rise in the cost of rural crime last year.

Simon Spencer, NFU Mutual senior agent in Staffordshire, said: "Countryside criminals continue to become more brazen and farmers are now having to continually increase security and adopt new ways of protecting their equipment. Social media is fast becoming the new eyes and ears of the countryside.

"By keeping in close touch with neighbours and police through local farmwatch schemes, country people can play a significant role in identifying suspicious activity and bringing thieves to justice.

Fears

"Fitting gates to prevent easy access to farmyards and drives is one of the most effective measures. Hi-tech security such as movement detectors, infra-red cameras and 'geo-fencing', which triggers an alarm if a farm vehicle moves off the premises, can also play a part."

The report further reveals that limited police resources and repeat attacks are the biggest fears for rural communities, with many people forced to change the way they live and work as a result of rural crime.

Mr Spencer added: "The threat of becoming a victim of rural crime, and regular reports of suspicious characters watching farms is causing high levels of anxiety amongst farmers who know their rural location makes them vulnerable to attacks.

"Our advice to people living and working in the countryside is to regularly evaluate your current security measures making improvements where necessary, remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the local police and local farm watch schemes."



Chris Belyavin, regional fundraiser for The Donna Louise, and Susi McCarthy, centre manager for Cannock Shopping Centre

Shopping centre in charity campaign

CANNOCK Shopping Centre has teamed up with a Staffordshire charity to help raise money for sick children.

The centre is partnering with The Donna Louise for its autumn charity tender.

The hospice has been chosen along with two other charity partners for 2018, the others being St Giles Hospice and Leukaemia Care. The charity tender runs until October.

Susi McCarthy, centre manager for Cannock Shopping Centre, said: "We are so pleased to be working with The Donna Louise; it is the perfect chance to give something to back to the community by providing awareness and support."

Staffordshire-based The Donna Louise provides hospice care for children and young people with a limiting life condition and supports their families, providing respite, and end of life care across the county.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Group appeal for photos from 1918

A LOCAL history society have issued an appeal for photographs taken 100 years ago for their upcoming open day.

Great Wyrley Local History Society will be holding their annual open day on November 17 and would like more photos from 1918 – the theme for this year's event.

Anyone with photographs can send them to diane@mstolley.plus.com or take hard copies to their meetings to be copied and returned.

The group meet on the third and fourth Thursday of the month at the senior citizens centre in Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley.

Gin lovers are in for a treat

GIN lovers will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of up to 15 gins from the UK and overseas during an 11-day festival at two pubs in the area.

The Linford Arms in High Green, Cannock, and Hedgeford Lodge in Anglesey Street, Hednesford, will both be serving gins from Japan, Portugal, Spain, Germany and Italy, as well as gins produced in the UK.

The festival will run from Friday, August 17 to Monday, August 27 inclusive.

Tasting notes on all of the gins will be available in the pubs.

Nominations now open for best pub

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling is calling on the public to nominate their favourite local pub for a national competition.

The Parliamentary Pub of the Year competition seeks to find the best pubs in the UK, and Ms Millin has the chance to enter one pub from the area in the national competition to fly the flag for Cannock Chase.

The public can nominate their favourite pub by emailing amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk or by completing the contact form on her website at www.amandamilling.com

Clear-out plea ahead of children's market

PENKRIDGE Market organisers are encouraging children to have a 'spring clean' in time for an event being held next month.

The appeal comes ahead of a children's market on September 30.

The event, which is entirely dedicated to children, will give parents the opportunity to sell pre-loved toys, clothes and equipment.

Admission is free for children and £2 for adults. Stalls are £12.

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COUNTY NEWS

Third 'can't afford to pay upfront'

MORE than a third of people say they cannot afford to pay for items or bills in one go, a survey has found. Some 36 per cent of people say they do not have enough funds to pay bills upfront in a single lump sum, Nationwide Home Insurance found.

Despite the potential to make savings by paying that way, rather than spreading the cost in some cases, nearly a fifth of people surveyed said no amount of money saving would encourage them to pay their bills in one go, rising to nearly a quarter of over-55s.

Less than a third of people opt to pay for bills and policies upfront.

A taste of Italy at town festival

FOOD connoisseurs and car fanatics are invited to a celebration of all things Italian. The Continental Market and Italian Auto Moto Festival, organised by Savoir Fayre, is heading to Bridgnorth on September 2.

The town's High Street will be transformed into a mix of Mediterranean food and classic motors.

Conrad Murray, spokesman for the organisers, said: "We work hard to create an international atmosphere so people can enjoy exotic flavours and unusual aromas and delight in products they might not otherwise see or buy everyday." The festival takes place from 9am until 4pm.

Record sales for Luke's Villa kit

ASTON Villa's new kit has netted record sales – outperforming launch sales over the last five seasons.

The new home, away and goal-keeping shirts have been designed by fashion brand LUKE 1977, run by Walsall's Luke Roper. And the club say sales are up almost 750 per cent over the past two season across all three kits since becoming available.

Retail contracts manager Rasoul Didarzadeh spoke of an 'unbelievable appetite' for the strips from fans.

More fly with Ryanair, in spite of setbacks

BUDGET airline Ryanair saw passenger numbers rise four per cent to 13.1 million last month. The airline, which operates flights from Birmingham Airport, said that its aeroplanes were 97 per cent full on average.

The rise came despite pilot and cabin crew strikes, adverse weather and air traffic control staff shortages which caused more than 1,000 flight cancellations in July.

Royal award has Busy Bees buzzing

BURNTWOOD-BASED childcare provider Busy Bees joined recipients of the prestigious Queen's Awards at a special royal reception at Buckingham Palace where they were congratulated by Prince Charles.

Busy Bees received the Queen's Award for enterprise for promoting opportunity in April and was the only early years provider to receive the accolade. Karen Mackay, head of ex-

ternal affairs at Busy Bees, and Fay Gibbin, chief executive of BB Training Academy, met Prince Charles at the reception. The first Busy Bees nursery was opened in Lichfield in 1984 by six teachers who wanted to make a difference in the early years sector after feeling frustrated with the lack of good quality, flexible care available for their own children.

It now cares for 50,000 children

across nearly 500 settings in the UK, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, China and Australia.

To maintain the quality of its staff amid such growth, Busy Bees' sister company BB Training Academy delivers management qualifications, apprenticeships and short courses to the nurseries, as well as external settings.

BB Training Academy, rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted, has worked with

Busy Bees to create accessible routes to employment and career progression, training 3,765 employees to date.

Karen said: "We were honoured to be personally congratulated by Prince Charles, and we were delighted that he took the time to individually greet each award winner.

"Fay and I both thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet other British businesses excelling in their field."

Charging points for cars call on new homes

NEW housing and business developments in Cannock Chase should include charging points for electric vehicles, a councillor has said.

Charging points for electric vehicles can now be found in car parks and streets around the country.

Councillor Paul Snape, leader of the opposition group on Cannock Council Council, told a meeting of the full council: "As members will know, Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, has announced a government plan to ban the sale of all petrol and diesel cars by 2040. This being the case, over the next 22 years, the UK will have to ramp up the provision of charging points to provide the infrastructure to fuel electric vehicles.

"New electric vehicles can only be supported if there are charging points available. Accordingly, planning permission for new build residential and business premises should include the provision of an electric charging point.

"Cannock Chase District Council now has the opportunity to make a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions."

But the meeting was told that the proposal could not be passed because the council could not amend planning policy without prior consultation.

Deputy leader Councillor Gordon Alcott, cabinet member for economic planning and development, said: "As Councillor Snape is fully aware, the most appropriate forum to raise this and other matters relating to planning policy is through the working group. I would urge Councillor Snape to raise such questions through that forum."

First Rosette for Hoar Cross Hall

HOAR Cross Hall has received its first AA Rosette award after an inspector dined in its Ballroom restaurant.

The AA hotel and restaurant inspector's review said: "The flavours and quality delivered were very good and comfortably met expectations for the award of an AA Rosette."

Adrian Pickard, general manager at Hoar Cross, said: "We're thrilled.

"It's testament to all the hard work that goes on in and outside of the kitchen, led by our executive head chef Tom Biddle. The Ballroom is an exceptional place to dine.

"We will continue to strive towards creating unprecedented culinary experiences for all of our guests. Hopefully, upon our next inspection, we'll be awarded with a second AA Rosette!"

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Vote will point way to shaping town's future

By David Banner

RESIDENTS in Hednesford are set to vote on a Neighbourhood Plan that could help to shape development schemes in the area.

A majority 'yes' vote will be required in a referendum for Cannock Chase Council to be able to use the guidelines in determining planning applications.

The move towards a referendum was recommended by the authority after it published a 'decision statement' following an independent examination of the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "The examiner has concluded that subject to modifications the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and legal requirements and on this basis should proceed to referendum."

Available

The decision statement states that the Plan, with certain modifications, meets the basic conditions and other relevant legal requirement as set out in the Localism Act 2011 and supporting regulations. Neighbourhood planning aims to help local communities play a direct role in developments for areas in which they live and work.

Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is the responsibility of a town or parish council. In this case, Hednesford Town Council has produced the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan for the Hednesford Neighbourhood Area.

The decision statement and examiner's report can be viewed by visiting www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning

Hard copies are available to view at Cannock Chase Council Civic Centre offices; Pye Green Community Centre; and Hednesford Library.

Museum gripped by puppet fever



Natalie Heidaripour from the Museum of Cannock Chase is enjoying the Puppets on Parade exhibition

PUPPET fever has taken over in the form of a family friendly touring exhibition.

Based in the Museum of Cannock Chase until Sunday, August 12, Puppet Parade is providing entertainment for families across Staffordshire this summer.

The puppets are part of a collection donated to the museum by Douglas Hayward, a puppet-maker and collector who garnered hundreds of puppets from around the world, some dating back to the early 19th Century.

The collection ranges from Pelham puppets to the works of famed seaside puppet-maker Ronnie Cryer and puppet-theatre legend Waldo Lanchester. Chris Cobb,

senior museums officer with the Staffordshire Museum Service, described the exhibition as 'the best in the country, outside London's Victoria and Albert museum'.

He added: "The event is very popular with families due to there being a lot there to keep both the parents and children stimulated."

At the exhibition, which has been organised by Staffordshire Archives and Heritage service, children have the opportunity to play with the puppets.

The characters on which the puppets are based range from William Shakespeare to Carmen Miranda, including a plethora of original identities.

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Witness plea on 'machete' injuries at Chasewater

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after armed descended on Chasewater after three men were injured in a 'machete' attack.

Firearms officers and a police helicopter were sent to the park and searched the area after being called at 9.30pm on Tuesday last week.

Staffordshire Police said officers attended after reports of an assault with a machete.

Officers searched the site but did not find a weapon. Staffordshire Police said inquiries were ongoing.

West Midlands Ambulance Service paramedics treated three men.

An 18-year-old man suffered arm, back and facial injuries and was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

Crews also took a 20-year-old man to the same hospital after treating him for back and shoulder injuries.

A third patient, a 19-year-old man, was assessed for a head injury and discharged at the scene.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact police on 101, quoting incident number 776 of July 31.

One onlooker tweeted: "Picked a great time to go for an evening walk from Brownhills to Chasewater."

"One minute we're admiring the setting sun and the next a police helicopter. Only when we reached the dam wall and saw armed officers did we realise just how serious things were. Glad to get home."

Twitter move for six NHS groups

SOCIAL media users now have a new way of finding out about the latest news from NHS commissioners.

A newly created Twitter account - @StaffsCCGs - will combine news and information from the area's six clinical commissioning groups (CCGs). Previously the CCGs had separate accounts.

CCGs spokesman Sue Harper said: "Last year the six CCGs agreed that we would collaborate more closely in the interests of improving services for our patients. Social media is a key way to involve the public in what we are doing. The move to a single Twitter account will help with this."

The legacy Twitter accounts will remain accessible but will no longer be active, she added.

Walk from valley

CHASE Ramblers' walk on Sunday is a 9-mile strenuous walk from Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am departure. Call 01543 571428. New walkers are welcome.

M6 Toll price rise 'will deter drivers'



Prices have risen for using the M6 Toll

THE rise in prices on the M6 Toll is a step 'too far' for beleaguered motorists, says the president of the AA.

Prices on the motorway went up last week despite several high-profile figures opposing the move.

Midland Expressway Ltd, the road's operator, claimed that the increase had been 'carefully set to ensure that we continue the significant growth in HGV traffic on the M6 Toll that we saw in 2017'. The price for cars rose by between 30p and 50p per journey, for light goods vehicles by 10p to 30p and for heavy goods vehicles by 20p to

50p, depending on the journey made.

It was thought that the company could have reconsidered the move following the criticism including a letter signed by the mayor and leaders of each of the combined authority's seven constituent authorities stating that they were 'extremely disappointed' in the decision to raise prices.

Edmund King, president of the AA, said: "This is a toll hike too far."

"A 50p or 8.5 per cent increase for car drivers driving on the M6 Toll during working hours in the week will hardly encourage further usage."

The objective should be to spread the congestion load from the current M6 rather than to deter drivers through higher prices.

"The M6 Toll was originally planned as a free public highway [the Birmingham Northern Relief Road] with an objective of reducing chronic congestion in the West Midlands."

"However, the pricing policy means it has always been under-used and never met the original targets."

Despite the protests, however, the price rises came into effect at 6am on Monday last week.

Police study CCTV images after school vandalised

A HEADTEACHER has hit out at vandals who ransacked his school, days after it shut for summer.

The jobs caused extensive damage to The Hart School in Rugeley.

They broke through gates before ripping off doors, breaking windows and smashing ceiling lights at the Upper School site in Burnthill Lane.

Within minutes of the incident, the on-site security team reported that three intruders were vandalising the building.

Headteacher Chris Keen says he is 'very confident' that the culprits will be swiftly brought to justice as there is CCTV footage capturing those who carried out the raid, which happened on July 29.

Mr Keen said: "We take any incident of trespassing and criminal damage very seriously."

"As a direct result of the swift action taken by our on-site security team and the school, police officers and sniffer dogs arrived within minutes."

Deterrent

"They were able to uncover substantial evidence in addition to the clear, high-quality images which our extensive CCTV system captured of the offenders. We are therefore very confident the criminals responsible will be caught swiftly and will be prosecuted."

"We hope this will serve as a deterrent to others that we will not tolerate anti-social behaviour or criminal damage and we will support police to pursue a prosecution."

The Upper School site is closed permanently to pupils as The Hart School is uniting all its pupils and resources onto its Lower School site in Penkridge Bank Road from next month. The move will allow for a raft of improvements to be made by the school which has 1,200 pupils.

Councillor Alan Dudson, of the Brereton and Ravenhill ward, said: "It's obvious the youth of today don't seem to have any worries about breaking in. There's very little police cover around - you hardly see any walking about."

"I hope that the pictures of the CCTV are good enough to identify them and that they're treated accordingly."

Spotlight to land on military past



Countryside ranger Karen Andrew gets set for the Military History Weekend

THE fascinating history of Cannock Chase will be explored at an event next weekend.

Families are being invited to explore the beauty spot's past at the annual Military History Weekend on August 18 and 19.

The free event, organised by Staffordshire County Council's

Ranger Service, will include displays and re-enactments of military life from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present day.

Visitors will get the chance to see inside a Great War Hut used by soldiers who trained on the Chase, while children will get the chance to try on military uni-

forms, have a go at archery and take part in a kids' pike drill.

The Military History Weekend will take place at the Cannock Chase Visitor Centre on Marquis Drive from 10am to 4pm on both days. To find out more, visit www.cannockchasehistory.org.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Club to host a fun quiz night

A FUN quiz night is to be held in the Churchill Room at Cannock Conservative Club next month.

It is part of Cannock Conservative Association's programme of events within and for the community.

The quiz is for teams of four but anyone who does not have one will be able to join one on the night. Tickets are £5 each including a supper.

Anyone interested can call Val Jones on 07973 268444 or Pat Stanley on 01543 423750. They will be able to arrange for tickets to be obtained.

The quiz at the club in High Green, Cannock, is on Friday, September 14 at 7 for 7.30pm.

Activities mark war centenary

THE National Memorial Arboretum has unveiled a programme of summer activities - many commemorating the end of the First World War.

The 150-acre site is also celebrating the contribution of the Royal Air Force during its centenary year.

Activities include story telling about the people who lived and served during the First World War and in the RAF since its formation.

A full-sized replica Mark IX Spitfire, famed for its service during the Battle of Britain, will be on site between August 20 and September 7.

Plea to check poll register details

RESIDENTS in the Lichfield district are being urged to look out for their voter registration details in the post.

District and parish elections are taking place in May 2019.

The form ensures that Lichfield District Council can keep the electoral register up to date and identify any residents who are not included, so that they can be encouraged to do so. This will mean that residents will be able to take part in any future elections.

Any residents who have any questions can call 01543 308125 or email elections@lichfelddc.gov.uk

Councillors in pledge to serve residents

A CIVIC Service for Lichfield councillors to pledge their commitment to residents was held at St Michael's Church in the city.

As part of the annual event, the recently appointed chairman of Lichfield District Council, Councillor Bob Awty, led the Act of Commitment. He invited parish, district and county councillors to acknowledge their responsibility to the community and pledge their commitment to the service of residents.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Uni needs a reality check on research

OF course, I would never suggest our universities are dumbing down, but could you imagine – even a generation ago – the renowned London School of Economics publishing a piece of research on the Kardashians?

All right, the Kardashians weren't around then, but you get my drift. Anyhow, the esteemed academics say that watching 'materialistic' reality programmes such as Keeping Up With the Kardashians and Made in Chelsea has made Britain a more mean-spirited country, less sympathetic to generous welfare payments.

Now, I've never watched either, but I can't help but think it is more documentaries such as Benefits Street, and their portrayal of feckless layabouts with giant televisions that rub people up the wrong way about the welfare state. As for the Kardashians I would have thought serial benefit claimants were a key component of their target audience.

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MEANWHILE, Alastair Jarvis, the chief of Britain's universities, says it would be 'elitist and regressive' to impose a cap on the number of degree places.

Of course he does. I'm sure he believes everybody, no matter how dim, should have a completely unfettered right to shell out £27,000 in tuition fees over three years.

However, one of the things I learned from my time studying economics is that the value of anything is determined by supply and demand. So, in economic terms, the whole point of university is to get a qualification which is in demand but limited in supply. So if university places are unlimited, that means the degrees are practically worthless.

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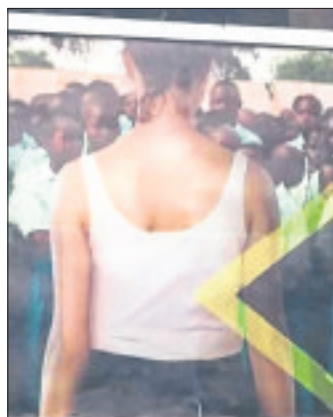
FLY-tipping is one of the great scourges of our time. So you would think that any council crackdown on fly-tipping is a good thing. But you know somebody in local government will prove otherwise.

And it is Waltham Forest Council in Essex, who fined roofer Stuart Gosling £300 for carrying unlicensed waste in his van. And the waste in question? Building rubble? Rusting bedstead? Toxic chemicals?

Well, no, it was a few empty crisp packets left over from his lunch, which he planned to put in the bin. But because he had used the wrong type of bag, he was deemed to have committed an offence.

Great, so now local councils are actually fining people for taking their litter home. Nice work, jobsworths.

Air could turn blue over misuse of parking badges



What next? Wonder was that the billboard was put up in the first place



Jeremy Clarkson – and the list of disgusting things you can find in used cars



Brexit negotiations – and Michel Barnier's continuing struggle with the 'law'

Disabled? You just leapt out of your car!

YOU may have noticed a new crop of stickers appearing in the rear windows of cars. The message goes something like: "No, I don't look disabled - but then you don't look pig-ignorant." These waspish little banners mark the opening salvo in a new phase of Britain's worsening car-parking war. It began some years ago when the suspicion grew that blue badges, supposedly issued only to people with real mobility problems, were being used dishonestly by some able-bodied drivers to use disabled parking places. If you can barely walk, it must be galling to find "your" space taken by someone who leaps out of the car and briskly strides away. From next year, expect more friction as people with "hidden disabilities" such as autism and mental-health issues are granted blue badges, increasing the number from about 2.4 million to four million.

GARDENING corner. Guess how deep the rain penetrated the soil in the garden at Chateau Rhodes after two days of rain? Just two inches. It may look wet but scrape the surface and the dust is down there.

NEWS priorities. No, I can't explain why five deaths in a California wildfire are deemed more important to the news channels than 60 deaths in flooding in India.

I WAS impressed with the BBC reporter, whose name I missed, interviewing a farmer about the drought. Too many hacks work from a script, asking a list of questions like a robot, instead of letting the conversation flow. In this

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



case, it flowed in a heartbeat from misery to joy as the farmer, having described his sub-standard crop, of wheat added "but at least it's better than last year." And then he waxed lyrical about what a washout the summer of 2017 was and how glorious are the sunsets of the summer of 2018. And, yes, his yields might be down 20 per cent but he's got the harvest in earlier than ever and now he's having that rarest of farming events – a holiday. According to the old saying you'll never see a dead donkey or a happy farmer. Well done, Auntie, for finding one of them.

BREXIT may be tangled but it is happening. I passed a delivery lorry piled high with new cars and not one of those cars had a number plate with the EU symbol.

I HAVE done the deed and bought another old banger, ending a long line of diesels and returning to the petrol fold. And I can think of no better example of the term "sod's law" than buying a second-hand vehicle on the very same day that Jeremy Clarkson wrote a column about testing the interiors of used cars.

ACCORDING to Clarkson, the experts examining the old cars found "a thin veneer of mucus, significant traces of faecal matter and

enough dried blood to suggest someone had been beheaded in there." Plus other stuff unsuitable for a family newspaper. Having read Clarkson's piece, I gave my new pride and joy another good scrub. Yeah, I'm sure it's just mud . . .

AND back to the Brexit negotiations and Michel Barnier's continuing struggle with the law. Not with the principle of the law, that is, but the pronunciation. Like so many French you speak otherwise excellent English, his version of "law" comes out sounding like "low." Which is a bit awkward if you're profession is trying to reconcile EU law with English law.

THE French at least have no trouble with the English name for a small settlement. That particular heffalump trap is the one that catches Germans who, in the middle of delivering a word-perfect speech in English, will suddenly refer to a village.

WE Brits are, of course, the worst linguists in Europe and are duly sniggered at by all. A tip: never, ever let a French person hear you say "cul-de-sac."

THE billboard that caused such a fuss at Wolverhampton University, showing a young white woman facing a group of black children with the motto: "If you want to explore new worlds. Start here" fell straight into the white-saviour trap and was duly denounced in a twitter-storm of academic outrage. The wonder was that the billboard was put up in the first place. Whatever next? A poem by Rudyard Kipling?

TALKING POINT



Parking: 999 staff are not above law

ATTACKS on medical staff – both verbal and physical – together with damage caused to ambulances are, sadly, becoming all too frequent.

Two high-profile cases include a woman in Stoke-on-Trent who left an abusive note on an ambulance parked outside her home while medics attended an emergency, and one in Birmingham which saw a paramedic threatened and abused while treating a sick patient. Last month crews were attacked with bricks while responding to a false claim that a 13-year-old girl was in cardiac arrest.

For any member of the emergency services, simply carrying out their duties, this kind of behaviour is sick, abhorrent, and one can only hope that those responsible are never in need of life-saving treatment.

However, much has been made about the ambulance staff given a parking ticket for stopping on double yellow lines while the occupants got out to buy a drink.

The warden responsible has been reprimanded and the firm he works for, Euro Parking Services, suspended from carrying out patrols by the landowners. The firm did apologise and admitted the ticket should not have been issued.

But am I the only one thinking the warden was right, and that he too was only doing his job? He argued that an ambulance should only park on double yellow lines in an emergency situation.

The medics, overworked I agree, needed a drink after hours on the road. No problem. Staff said the vehicle was too wide for regular bays and did not want to use a disabled space. An admirable stance. And I know that all NHS staff, and Armed Services personnel, perform heroic tasks. But does this mean they should be allowed to act above the law? Does it give them the right to park where they want even when not on emergency calls?

After all, if it was any ordinary Joe, there would be no extenuating circumstances.

The British Parking Association's code of contact advises its members to "respect the needs of the emergency services" and allow them to carry out their duties without enforcement action being taken against them. The code states: "This means that you must not issue parking charge notices to liveried vehicles being used for operational fire, police or ambulance purposes."

There is a danger here, though, that this could lead to more confrontation. While I respect and admire our medics for the job they do and would never condone attacks or abuse, I think there should be more consideration on their part, too.

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Brother and sister Barbara Jacobs with Geoffrey John Tonks when they were reunited after more than 70 years

THE tale of how a former Cannock man was reunited with his family after more than 70 years warmed the hearts of millions of TV viewers.

Geoffrey John Tonks was given up by his mother in 1944, aged 18 months. His sister Barbara Jacobs, of Southampton, found out about him when they were in their 20s and set about finding him.

And the story of their reunion was screened on Long Lost Family. Barbara, 72, discovered their mother Bessie had a romance with a soldier based in London and gave birth to Geoff in 1944 while her husband Frank was away at war. She

raised him alongside her two other sons but when Frank returned he gave her an ultimatum.

Geoff was put up for adoption at 18 months old. He was taken into care and, at seven, was adopted by a bus driver called Harry Tonks and his wife Violet.

Geoff and his wife Wendy, whom he met at college, have been together for 50 years and have two grown-up children.

He later lived in Cannock and owned GT Auto Electrical in Stafford.

During the emotional reunion, in which they embraced, he said: "It has been a long time - better late than never." Barbara said: "Seeing how happy Geoff is, I feel a weight has been lifted."



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Ah well, we old folks have always had it easy, according to some.

ROGER ALLEN
Great Wyrley

Cone misery

WHOEVER organised the traffic situation in The Olde Township of Cank Wood today did a wondrous venture by coning single-file areas to cease traffic movement – and all with no sign of any so-called work in progress.

PHILIP EVANS
Great Wyrley

Tell us how we are overusing energy

FOLLOWING Councillor Woodhead's points, we need individually and in organisations to know how we are overusing energy and all kinds of resources ("We've overshot our natural entitlement", Letters, August 2).

One of the huge ways we can preserve the future for all the next generations is to eat a lot less meat, which causes farm animals to exhale dangerous methane. Vast amounts of land

that now grows fodder would be available for other uses.

Another way would be by insulating millions more homes.

The government advisory body committee on climate change recommends these especially, and as part of the international Paris Agreement.

With other measures in transport and renewable energy, they can keep world temperature nearer to a 1.5-de-

gree increase (since the Industrial Revolution) rather than two degrees, which is dangerously around the irreversible level.

Some still believe mankind's colossal output and various gasses cannot possibly affect the invisible purity of the air. How is that when so much of so many chemicals collide?

MR CHRIS SEAL
Cannock

Thank you for helping

THANK you to the lady and gentleman who helped me up when I fell outside the fruit shop in Rugeley.

Especially the gentleman, who was calming, and also the ambulance personnel who brought me home safely. Many thanks from the lady with the walker.

MRS PM GRIFFITHS
Etchingham

Should we really be stockpiling beans?

ONE can only hope that Clare Scholl realises that letters are edited and that her conclusion that I was unable to register any EU threats to the UK was a result of lack of editorial space, rather than any failure to offer examples.

Amongst others . . . the EU have threatened to force us out of Europe, to exclude us from the Galileo program, to stop European car makers using British-made parts, to alter trade on medicines and equipment, and to destabilise London as the world's leading investment centre.

Then of course there are the threats from people like Ryanair, Airbus and even the Irish government threatening that we cannot fly in Irish airspace.

The latest version of Project Fear has now reached ludicrous proportions, as not only should we be stockpiling baked beans but apparently there will also be a sandwich shortage should we leave.

TOM ROBBINS
Norton Canes

Incident on Chase Line no laughing matter

I WAS on the train that was stopped by a detached pipe ("Chase Line chaos as bird hits train", Chronicle, July 19). On the train were two people who I spoke to. One would miss an appointment, while the other would miss her connection.

There must have been many other passengers on that and other trains that were similarly inconvenienced.

Some of the passengers found it difficult to walk along the track towards Bloxwich North station to catch our replacement bus.

The incident was no laughing matter, S J Watters of Brereton ("Weighty train of thought", Letters, August 2).

PETER MILLS
Cannock

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Crook jailed for £19,000 gaming machines fiddle

Young litter pickers praised



Councillor John Preece and Miss Aston from Gorsemoor Primary School with, from left, Keeley Warren, Travis Greensill and Elle Meeson

PUPILS at Gorsemoor Primary School in Heath Hayes have received a Good Junior Citizen Award from Cannock Chase Council.

The award was presented at a school assembly to Keeley Warren, Travis Greensill and Elle Meeson for their litter picking efforts in Hedsnesford Park after school.

Travis's older brother Dallas also received an award. The Good Jun-

ior Citizen Award recognises the positive contributions that children aged 11 and younger are making to their local community.

Councillor John Preece, portfolio leader for environment, said: "I was delighted to award these children for picking up litter in Hedsnesford Park. They should be very, very proud of themselves. Litter is an eyesore to everyone, young or old."

A CROOK who was part of a gang that targeted gaming machines at motorway service stations, raking in more than £19,000 in one night, has been jailed.

Simon Palmer tried to convince a court he was not part of the three-man team.

But after watching CCTV footage, the jury at Warwick Crown Court found him guilty of conspiracy to commit fraud.

Palmer, aged 50, was jailed for three-and-a-half years. The jury had heard that Palmer and two accomplices had systematically struck at service areas in Wolverhampton, Stafford and elsewhere in the Midlands and further north.

Mr Simon Palmer, prosecuting, said: "There was a significant degree of planning, and a series of offences that took place between about nine in the evening on January 9 last year and seven in the morning the next day."

"There were seven individual offences in total, the first being at the Lymm service area on the M6 in Cheshire where £2,000 was defrauded from a gaming machine."

The three men then headed south to Sandbach services where they netted £3,300 before going to Stafford North, where they left with £3,600. Then at Hilton Park they got £2,150.

The team then struck at Tamworth, Donington Park and Northampton North.

At each services they used the same method, feeding a laminated £50 note into the slot and, once it had been registered by the machine, inserting a device to enable the note to be retrieved. When Palmer was arrested a few days later, officers found a laminated £10 note at his home in Milton Keynes, and analysis of his mobile phone use showed he was at each of the services.



Simon Palmer

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Sex case bishop given a suspended sentence

A BISHOP who sexually assaulted two women has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Michael Ward abused his position to grope his victims – leaving one of them terrified to leave her home, and driving the other to self-harm – while working for the Old Catholic Church, based in Rugeley.

The 71-year-old, who was thrown out of the church, is now as a bishop in a different church, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. Judge John Burbidge, QC, said: "It is a matter of some concern that you have moved churches and retain the title of bishop." He ordered that the church elders should be made aware of his convictions.

Ms Sharon Bailey, defending, suggested that Ward's conduct was not taken seriously, adding he was even known as 'the naughty bishop' by one funeral director.

Touched

Ward, a married man, denied three counts of sexual assault but was found guilty following a trial which heard he had paid 'inappropriate and unwanted attention' to the first victim outside Hawksyard Priory in Rugeley. A year later he squeezed her bottom.

Ward assaulted the second woman when he was helping to arrange a funeral. The trial heard he 'fiddled' with the 19-year-old's bra and undid it. On a separate occasion, he touched her chest. The court heard that Ward had turned his life around after two convictions for fraud and had stayed out of trouble since 1976.

But the judge said: "You used the cloak of respectability to hide the reality of what you were doing." He added that the church should not be confused with the Roman Catholic Church.

Ward, of Edmonton, London, was sentenced to 15 months in prison suspended for 18 months and ordered to pay his victims £900 compensation. He was also put on the sex offenders' register for 10 years.

Business awards triumph



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RUGELEY-BASED Access Covers Ltd won the Small Business of the Year Award at the 2018 Staffordshire Chambers Business Awards.

Organised by Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce, the event saw 37 entries in the Small Business of the Year category, which goes to the company that has achieved consistent growth backed by strong financial performance.

Access Covers manufactures access covers, steel manhole covers and trash screens. It has supplied its products for local businesses including Asda, and petrol stations

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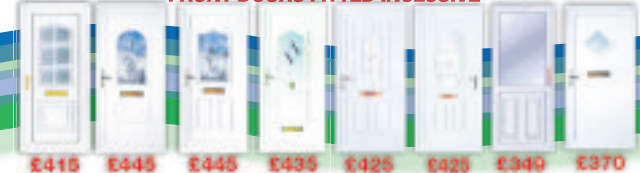
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Co-op raises £780k for dementia charity

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People in 16 counties took part in fundraising activities from jumping out of planes and undertaking gruelling feats of endurance to holding cake sales and organising fetes. More than £280,000 was handed over in the form of donations, with a further £516,000 from money raised by Central England Co-op via the 5p carrier bag levy.

The money has been used to help pay for nine new specialist Admiral Nurses, additional vital training and the ongoing staffing of the free Dementia Helpline.

In Staffordshire, the funds have been used for two Admiral Nurses specifically for the area after new figures showed that by 2020 more than 14,000 people in the county will be living with dementia.

You can bank on change of attitude by the big players

ONE aspect of Green Living which is often little considered but hugely influential is what we do with money.

Where and why we place our money in banks is something that we need to think about closely as these same banks use the money we deposit to fund other ventures.

We have seen in our own communities many major brands of banks closing branches claiming them to be unprofitable including closing the last bank in the town of Hednesford, and whilst we protest, sign petitions and raise letters of complaint they

In this Green Living column, PAUL WOODHEAD looks at the subject of money



exist only to increase profit, dividends to shareholders and bonuses to bosses.

So how do we take back control and embrace Green Living? Hit them where it hurts, in the pocket.

By moving your money and daily bank transactions to ethical institutions it will force a change in attitude and behaviour by those controlling

our money. You could consider mutual building societies, credit unions or other community banks.

There is no such thing as free banking and we might need to get used to small monthly charges to allow these alternative institutions to exist, thrive and grow and hopefully this will bring more high street presence too and reverse the desertion of our towns by these large multi-national corporations.

If you have tips for sustainable living please get in touch and we will share them in a future article.

Search for Toyota after woman hurt in hit-run

POLICE are appealing for help to find a car involved in a hit and run collision near Cannock that left a woman in a critical condition. The incident happened at 3.45pm on Saturday, July 28 when a black Toyota Auris collided with a red Ford Fiesta, which then collided with a white Mitsubishi recovery truck on the A5 by Oak Lane.

The Auris, believed to be on a cloned number plate with the registration number FE15 WZB, did not stop. The vehicle is actually a Toyota manufactured between 2010 and 2012. The front end of the car was damaged in the collision.

A 23-year-old woman from Cannock is in a critical but stable condition. Detective Inspector Giles Parsons said: "We are trying to locate the Toyota Auris, its driver and occupants." Anyone with information should call 101 quoting incident number 588 of July 28. Alternatively, for guaranteed anonymity, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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Fantastic Inflatable World is putting on the show at The Four Ashes, on the A449.

Boss Scott Gwinnett is keeping his fingers crossed that the weather is kind for the impressive inflatable display, which ranges from massive slides and ring rides to bouncing castles and paddling pools.

He said: "The aim is to give a family a whole day out for around

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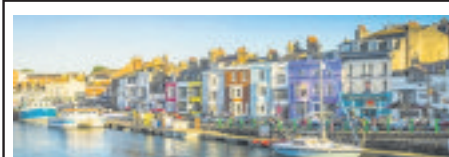
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Travellers defrauded elderly out of £160k

THREE members of the same family of travellers in Staffordshire have been jailed after defrauding elderly and vulnerable victims across the country.

Fred Smith, 62, and son in laws – George Thomas Humberstone, 35, and Mitchell Seedhouse, 26 – of Cleese Caravan Park in Great Wyrley, targeted victims in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Shropshire and elsewhere.

Teeside Crown Court was told that their victims were elderly and vulnerable, and were targeted, often repeatedly, over many months and years.

They carried out unnecessary, shoddy and grossly overpriced work on the victim's roofs, with the frauds totalling more than £160,000 involving 27 victims.

Victims included an elderly female and her carer living in Staffordshire, who was targeted by Smith and Humberstone in 2014 and paid them a total of £14,600.

An expert examining that work stated it was worth £4,775 but was probably not necessary in the first place.

A 91-year-old man living alone also in Staffordshire was conned out of £15,050 by Smith in 2014 and 2015. The work would have actually cost £2,000.

Weak

Smith was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, Seedhouse to five years and Humberstone to three and a half years.

All three were also made the subject of Criminal Behaviour Orders, banning them from conducting any form of property repairs at houses and from cold calling for 10 years.

Sentencing the men, Judge Sean Morris said: "I cannot think of anything more low than picking on the weak and elderly."

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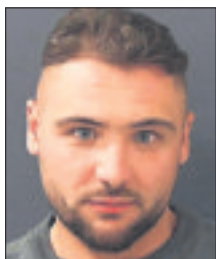
The investigation into the men began after an incident in the Whitby area of York-



Fred Smith



George Humberstone



Mitchell Seedhouse

shire in June 2016 when a vulnerable woman was visited by two of the offenders and conned out of £1,450.

She had been previously targeted by the same gang in June 2014 when she had paid them £5,600 for work that was worth £55.

Smith and Seedhouse were arrested at Cleese Caravan Park in September 2016. Humberstone was interviewed in prison in May 2017 where he was serving just more than three years for a similar offence.

Vehicle storage plans lodged for vacant site

THE flattened site of a company which once employed 180 people in Cannock could be given a new lease of life.

Plans to convert the former IT company Atos Origin's site in Walsall Road have been submitted to Cannock Chase Council. Developers want to use the land for the temporary storage of 700 vehicles over the next three years.

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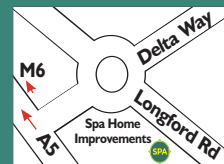
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Activities help care home to take residents on a journey

Commercial feature

Residents at a Great Wyrley care home have been jet-setting around the globe – all from the comfort of their chairs.

Throughout the whole of 2018, the residents at Waters Edge will be taken on a journey around the world.

The counties visited so far include France, Italy, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Africa, the Caribbean, with July's stop being USA. Residents have been sampling traditional delicacies and enjoying musical performances.

The home, which is owned by Alpha Health Care Limited, is a specialist residential care home with an established reputation for caring for elderly people including people with dementia or other progressive neurological illness.

Rating

A report from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) gave the home a 'good' rating in June after an inspection earlier this year.

The CQC – the health and social care regulator for England – carried out an unannounced visit of Waters Edge Care Home, in Stafford Road, to inspect its standards of care and safety.

Residents interviewed during the visit said they were happy with the staff. One resident said "I am very well looked after by the staff that work here".

The inspection also found Waters Edge to be a well-led service with a



Waters Edge has been given a 'good' rating after an inspection by the CQC

relaxed and friendly atmosphere and saw staff laughing and joking with residents.

Caroline Wood, head of care services for Alpha Health Care, said: "This is a real achievement for Waters Edge and a fantastic accolade to all our staff for all the hard work and determination each and every member of staff has shown in creating a homely and safe environment for our residents."

Waters Edge provides residential dementia care, residential care and respite care. Manager Sandra Potts said: "Life at our care home is all about encouraging our residents to lead as

normal and as active life as they wish. Visits are really important and friends and family are welcome to drop in anytime they can.

"We provide a safe and secure environment for all of our residents. Each resident has a personalised care plan which reflects their own individualised care and which is designed to suit them best."

Sandra and her team understand that a loved one's move into a care home can be a difficult time. She added: "We try to make the move as easy as we can and will be happy to spend time with you planning for the move."

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Trophy won for flower arranging

Ridwares WI

THE June meeting opened with a report from Kate Beechey, delegate, on the National Federation Annual General Meeting held in Cardiff.

The Women's Institute had been started in Wales 103 years ago and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage the WI officers all wore purple, green and white corsages. The previous year had seen 63 new WIs starting up. The Resolution 'Mental Health Matters as Much as Physical Health' was discussed and passed with a large majority. The first speaker was Dame Stella Rimington, former Director General of MI5 and the afternoon speaker was Huw Edwards, journalist, presenter and newsreader.

The Ridwares WI president, Karen Wakefield, was presented with the Huxley Cup for winning the national competition in flower arranging. Karen with her prize-winning arrangement.

Yvonne Vigers, was welcomed to the monthly meeting. She and her brother owns and manage Buzzards Valley Vineyard and Fishery, in Drayton Bassett, Tamworth. There is also a bistro on site.

She then judged the monthly competition 'decorate a wine bottle' which was won by Karen Wakefield.

The next meeting will be held on August 21 when actress Audrey Hall, will speak on Shirley Valentine.

Picnic coincides with presidential handover



The president's jewel is handed over to Deb Coburn by Jane Stevenson

RUGELEY & District Lions Club attended an event held at Tixall Farm House in aid of the Ingestre Orangery Restoration which the Ingestre Community has funding for and as a community is having to match-fund.

Work has already started on the Orangery at Ingestre Hall which is to become a community hub.

Members decided to enjoy a social by having a picnic during the day and the Lions

Rugeley & District Lions Club

took the opportunity to officially hand over the presidency from Jane Stevenson to Debra Coburn.

If you would like to see what we do and, perhaps get involved, please get in touch via Facebook or e-mail randdlions@hotmail.com

Burlesque myths dispelled

AT the July meeting, Ruby Rich came to speak about Burlesque dancing and during her talk she dispelled the myths that surround Burlesque.

She showed off costumes and talked about the history of Burlesque and where in

Hayes Green WI

the world that it originated from.

She then demonstrated a Burlesque dance and she taught us a simple routine

which everyone enjoyed learning and then performing to the others in our group.

The next meeting is a social one. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at the Cons Club in Heath Hayes.

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Top class – ex-miners' delight at new banner



Terry Sullivan, Lee Madgin, Brian Garner and Sam White of Lea Hall and Brereton Collieries Memorial Society with the banner

A CLASS of adults with learning disabilities have designed and made a special union banner for ex-miners.

The Lea Hall and Brereton Collieries Memorial Society are delighted with their new banner, created by the Workers Education Association (WEA) sewing class in Rugeley.

The group approached Jane Smith, who works for the WEA, and asked if her class would be interested in making a banner for them after their old

banner went missing. Society treasurer Lee Madgin said: "They've done a beautiful job on it. Every one of us is over the moon with how it's turned out. We attend a lot of events so I'm sure it will be on show there."

"All of our group is made up of ex-miners, or something to do with the mining community – 99 per cent of us are retired – and anyone is welcome to join." Rugeley once boasted the rich seams of Lea Hall and Brereton collieries until they shut down years ago. Currently, about 20 former miners

are part of the group but anyone who was associated with the pits is more than welcome to get involved.

The Lea Hall and Brereton Collieries Memorial Society was formed in 2011 by ex-miners and their families.

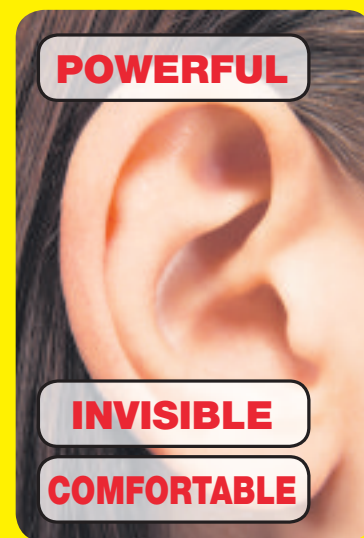
Nine months after the group started, the former miners won a £70,000 grant to build a memorial to the men who worked in what was once the biggest colliery in Europe.

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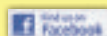
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18 Early reading 'can help to spot dyslexia'

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CHILDREN with dyslexia could be diagnosed earlier if parents read to them at preschool age, according to a headteacher.

Dr Daryl Brown, headteacher of Maples Hayes Dyslexia School in Lichfield, welcomed Education Secretary Damian Hinds's pledge to do more to help parents improve their children's early language development.

Mr Hinds vowed to halve the number of pupils starting school without the required level of early talking and reading skills by 2028, after Department for Education figures showed that 28 per cent of four and five-year-olds do not meet the communication and literacy levels expected by the end of reception year.

Maple Hayes Dyslexia School was founded by Dr Neville Brown, the school principal, who works closely alongside his son Dr Daryl Brown.

Dr Brown said: "Young children should be exposed to written language structures before they start school."

"It can take time to work out that a child is dyslexic."

Gallows Wharf site in full bloom for judges

CANAL enthusiasts unveiled their stunning contribution to Blooming Lichfield when judging for Heart of England in Bloom took place.

Despite the heatwave and vandalism, Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust (LHCRT) was able to have its historic Gallows Wharf site ready in time.

The trust has created a Garden of Reflection, close to the site of the city's gallows, originally erected in 1532, where on June 1, 1810, the last three men to be hanged in Lichfield met their fate, for uttering forged banknotes.

It was also at Gallows Wharf, near the junction of London Road and Tamworth Road, that stained glass windows rescued from a dissolved abbey in Herkenrode, Belgium, were



Trust director Peter Buck, dressed as a Victorian engineer, and his wife Jeanne in traditional boatwomen's dress, alongside Rose Willow

unloaded from canal boats on their way to Lichfield Cathedral in 1803.

The Gallows Wharf doors, Herkenrode Glass crate and the A-frame

boards, painted by signwriter Steve Cooper, enhanced the planting.

The judges also cast their expert eyes over Rose Willow, a recreation

of a 70ft narrowboat, which has been taking shape over the summer next to Tamworth Road, thanks to the efforts of pupils from Queen's Croft High School and the Foresters Scout Group.

Queen's Croft children were also involved in the painting of Rose Queen, which walkers along the canal can see on the wall of the London Road bridge, while National Citizen Service students learned the art of signwriting from Phil Ball to complete Rose Queen's artwork.

The results of the Heart of England in Bloom competition will be announced next month and Lichfield will be hoping to repeat last year's success when the city was awarded a gold medal.

LHCRT engineering director Peter Buck said: "Whatever the result of the judging, we're winners anyway."

Corporate tax bill at Amazon falls by £2.8m

AMAZON UK's corporate tax bill fell by £2.8 million last year despite the firm seeing pre-tax profits nearly treble.

The online retail giant's UK bill came in at £4.6m last year, down from £7.4m a year earlier, accounts for Amazon UK Services Ltd show.

But the company, which has a warehouse in Rugeley, paid £1.7m in tax after deferring £2.9m of that total. That was despite pre-tax profits jumping to £72.4m from £24.3m in 2016, according to figures filed to Companies House.

Amazon's 'fulfilment centres' store, process and post products to customers in the UK, employing an average of 20,000 workers last year.

Turnover for 2017 was £1.99 billion, up from £1.46bn in 2016.

A company spokesman said: "We pay all taxes required in the UK and every country where we operate."

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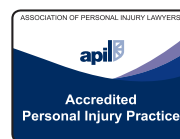


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Mark sets sights on meeting MPs



Mark Dabbs with Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling during his mission to have his photograph taken with 50 MPs

MARK Dabbs is on a mission to meet and have his photograph taken with 50 MPs to raise money for charity.

Mr Dabbs, who has completely several worldwide feats in the past for good causes, will be creating a book from the photographs and selling it to raise money for St Giles Hospice. He already has snaps of the Wolverhampton MP Pat McFadden, who he met first back in December.

Mr Dabbs has gone on to meet other local politicians, plus those from other regions. He is halfway through his latest project, called Challenge 50 MPs.

His latest efforts follow another challenge last year which saw Mr Dabbs travel the globe with a Walsall FC scarf.

While wearing the scarf he successfully grabbed snaps with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, David Hasslehoff and Matt Smith. Other previous challenges include travelling through towns in England in alphabetical order.

He also took photos next to famous graves throughout the world including the likes of martial arts star Bruce Lee and silent film legend Charlie Chaplin.

Attacks by inmates in prisons at record high

ATTACKS by prisoners on staff and other inmates have rocketed to record levels in West Midlands jails over the last five years, new figures have revealed.

According to Ministry of Justice (MoJ) figures, South Staffordshire's three prisons saw 313 assaults on staff last year – four times as many as in 2012.

By Pete Madeley

And the data shows that prisoner-on-prisoner assaults in HMP Oakwood, HMP Featherstone and Brinsford YO1 jumped to almost 1,000 last year.

Despite the sharp spike in assaults, all three institutions were said to be meeting the majority of their targets in the latest MoJ prison performance tables.

However, HMP Birmingham was given the bottom rung rating in the tables, with MoJ inspectors branding its performance as being of 'serious concern'.

HMP Oakwood saw 161 assaults on staff last year, as well as 158 attacks on prisoners. At Brinsford there were 119 assaults on staff in 2017, with 448 prisoner-on-prisoner attacks

recorded. And HMP Featherstone saw 33 assaults on staff and 158 attacks on prisoners in the same year.

West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge said the figures were a sign of the 'total collapse' of the prison system.

"The rise in violence is extremely concerning," he said.

Frances Crook, chief executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said it was 'shameful' that violence was rising to new highs.

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Bewdley's Becky Hill



The Voice star Becky returns with new single and tour

BEWDLEY singer Becky Hill is having a busy time after releasing her new single Sunrise In The East and the accompanying video, as well as announcing her headline tour for the autumn.

The tour, which takes place throughout October, includes a homecoming date at Birmingham's O2 Institute 2 on October 12.

The 2012 semi-finalist on TV talent show The Voice, where she was

mentored by Jessie J, has revealed her latest single – her first for Polydor Records – was accompanied by a video shot in Vietnam and directed by Michael Holyk, whose previous credits include Jake Bugg, Sam Smith and Sundara Karma.

"Vietnam is one of my favourite places in the world," the 24-year-old former Wyre Forest barmaid said. "To do a video there was a dream come true. With 21-hour days and intense shooting it was also the hardest shoot I've ever had to do."

"The team were amazing, everyone

knew the job they had to do no matter how little sleep we got."

"It's my pleasure to present my brand new video."

Hill wrote the track with Maverick Sabre and Lost Boy. It was produced by ADP and captures the exhilarating flourish of a new relationship and discovering someone on a deeper level.

Sunrise In The East is also the first taste of her material from her forthcoming as-yet-untitled debut album. Tickets for O2 Institute 2 show are priced at £15.

Taj Express delivery from Bollywood to Birmingham

A BOLLYWOOD extravaganza comes to Birmingham following a hit season in the West End and tour of America.

The musical Taj Express will begin a five-night run at the Birmingham Hippodrome on September 11.

The show follows young composer Shankar as he struggles with his music until he begins to follow in the footsteps of his idol, A.R. Rahman and discovers his path to success.

The show blends explosive dance with the hits from India's top composers with a soundtrack featuring the songs of Oscar-winner A.R. Rahman, composer for Danny Boyle's Slumdog Millionaire.

This production, which looks behind the scenes at the world's most prolific film industry, follows the success of The Merchants of

Bollywood and Wah! Wah! Girls. Behind the dance scenes is one of Bollywood's top choreographers Vaibhavi Merchant and her sister Shruti Merchant.

The pair were part of the creative team behind The Merchants of Bollywood, based on the life of their grandfather Shri Hiralalji.

Vaibhavi performed in the film Snehapoorvam Anna. As a choreographer she worked on a variety of acclaimed films, winning a National Film Award for choreographing Dhole baaje in the movie Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam. Shruti toured around the world for more than five years with The Merchants of Bollywood and has also assisted in the choreography direction for Bollywood blockbusters. A scene from Taj Express



Rock, blues and reggae with Farmer Phil

Eclectic rural gathering Farmer Phil's Music Festival is being held in Shropshire this weekend at Ratlinghope, near Shrewsbury.

The county's answer to Glastonbury is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year with a diverse range of acts ranging from punk and reggae to folk, blues and cabaret.

Farmer Phil Harding has long held a passion for live music and brings top international musicians to his festival while also encouraging up-and-coming local talent to perform. The 2018 line-up includes reggae hit-makers Aswad, Dr & The Medics, Jilted Generation, Fight The Bear, Shoot The Moon, Quill, Bob Marley tribute Legend, Baba Jack, and the Herbert Spliffington Allstars.

A spokesperson for the event said: "We are a family-friendly music festival complete with on-site camping, two stages featuring over 50 outstanding live acts. Ska, folk, punk, rock 'n' roll, classic rock or dance music, you'll find it all here." Visit www.farmerphilfestival.com for more information.

The Moomins are coming to the MAC

Youngsters are being invited to take a trip to Moominvalley when Lost and Found theatre company present children's show Mischief And Mystery In Moomin Valley.

Featuring the timeless characters created by Scandinavian illustrator Tove Jansson, the story telling experience with puppetry on an ingenious pop-up book set, features original music and is designed to delight four to seven-year-olds.

The show lasts around 45 minutes and will be performed at the MAC Birmingham, in Cannon Hall Park, tomorrow (Friday) at 11am, 2pm and 4pm, then again on Saturday at the same times. The 11am performance on Saturday will feature a British Sign Language interpreter. To book see the macbirmingham.co.uk website or call 0121 446 3232.

Other children's shows coming to the MAC include Chapterhouse Theatre's production of Alice in Wonderland on Thursday, August 16, at 6.30pm. It is described as suitable for all the family.



CHOICE



Frieda Hughes

Sylvia Plath: Life Inside the Bell Jar (BBC2, 9pm)

Documentary exploring Sylvia Plath's semi-autobiographical novel, exploring the wider landscape of 1950s gender politics and Plath's own struggles to survive society's constraints. Featuring an interview with the author's daughter Frieda Hughes, who discusses her mother in depth on camera for the first time, as well as impressionistic reconstructions of excerpts from the book featuring readings by Maggie Gyllenhaal, unpublished letters, photographs and archive materials, and contributions from people who knew the writer.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Food & Drink. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News. **Weather.** **1.15** European Championships 2018. Further live coverage of day 10 of the inaugural staging of the multi-sports event from Glasgow and Berlin, featuring diving, golf, and gymnastics. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** European Championships 2018. Gabby Logan presents concluding live coverage of day 10 of the inaugural staging of the multi-sports event from Glasgow and Berlin, featuring diving, triathlon, and athletics. The mixed 10m synchronised and women's 3m springboard finals conclude at Royal Commonwealth Pool, as does the elite team relay triathlon event at Strathclyde Country Park, but the main focus of attention this evening will be in the athletics at Olympiastadion Berlin. The penultimate day of competition consists only of finals, and British interest may lie in the women's long jump and 200m, where Lorraine Ugen and Dina Asher-Smith are expected to be among those competing for medals. Other events scheduled to take place are the women's 400m, men's 800m and 5,000m, as well as the women's and men's 4x400m relay races. **9.10** **Casualty.** New series. Iain visits a patient at home, who has frequently tried to harm herself in the past, but decide she does not need help at the moment despite the concerns of her boyfriend. However, while driving back to the hospital, he witnesses her attempting suicide by jumping off a bridge – which in turn, causes a major crash putting several lives in danger – including Sam's. **10.00** BBC News. **Weather.**; National Lottery Update. **10.20** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights from the opening matches of the Premier League season, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Everton and Huddersfield Town v Chelsea. Wolves were one of the three promoted sides in action, hoping that their expensively assembled squad can compete in the top flight. **11.45** **Film: Shanghai Knights.** (2003) Martial arts comedy sequel, with Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, Aidan Gillen and Fann Wong. **1.35** **Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) **7.05** Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. **7.35** The Dengineers. (R) **8.05** Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. (R) **8.35** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **9.00** European Championships 2018. **1.15** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.15** Garden Rescue. (R) **3.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** European Championships 2018. Continued live coverage of day 10 from Glasgow and Berlin. **5.30** Flog HT (R) **5.50** Inventing the Impossible. The Big Life Fix. (R) **6.50** **Proms Extra.** Katie Derham is joined by guests violinist Joshua Bell, cellist and singer Ayanna Witter-Johnson, and soprano Nadine Benjamin ahead of their Proms performances. **7.30** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring's men pose as traitors to see how the residents of Walmington-on-Sea would deal with genuine Nazi infiltrators in their midst. (R) **8.00** **Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain.** The documentary focuses on wartime Hull and the consequences of a specific bomb that fell on the city's 6th Avenue, flattening two houses and changing the lives of two families for ever. The Taylors lost baby Peter and 14-year-old Vera was very badly burned. Next door, Mrs Owens had put three of her children under the stairs for safety, but they didn't survive. Contributors include Mrs Owens' daughter Janet, who was born after the war and has many questions about what happened to her siblings. Here she meets the surviving Taylor sisters to talk about the event. (R) **9.00** **Sylvia Plath: Life Inside the Bell Jar.** Documentary exploring the semi-autobiographical novel, exploring the wider landscape of 1950s gender politics. Featuring an interview with the author's daughter Frieda Hughes. **10.00** **QI XL.** Extended episode in which Sandi Toksvig invites Lucy Beaumont, Jason Manford, Rhod Gilbert and Alan Davies to answer questions on subjects associated with the North and the Norse. (R) **10.45** **Film: Devdas.** (2002) Gorgeous, epic Oscar-nominated Bollywood musical, starring Shah Rukh Khan. **1.40** Picnic at Hanging Rock. (R) **2.30** **Film: Sylvia.** (2003) **4.20** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Make It Pop. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Mission Employable. (R) **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Possession. (R) **7.30** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball On Saturday. **9.25** James Martin's Saturday Morning. (R) **11.20** James Martin's American Adventure. (R) **11.50** Eat. Shop. Save. (R) **12.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.20** £10K Holiday Home. (R) **1.50** ITV News. **Weather.** **2.00** Tenable. (R) **3.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **4.00** The Chase. (R) **5.00** WWS Wrestling. **6.00** ITV News. **Weather.** **6.15** **Regional Programme:** **Weather.** **6.30** **Japandemonium.** A review of the best Japanese TV, featuring a man and a dog competing in an eating contest, the strange world of baby racing, and more from Hole in the Road. Narrated by Melvin Odoom. **7.00** **Big Star's Little Star.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the entertainment show in which the children of Una Foden, Kate Silverton and Kriss Akabusi spill the beans about their famous parents, talking about their home lives, making heart-warming revelations or telling downright embarrassing stories. The contestants are all hoping to win as much money as possible for their chosen charities. **8.00** **Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies.** (2014) Dwarf King Thorin reclaims control of his homeland, but his descent into madness places him on the brink of war with his human and elfen allies. As Thorin's Hobbit friend Bilbo tries to save the tormented ruler from himself, a vast horde of orcs gathers to destroy them all. Conclusion of the fantasy adventure trilogy, starring Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage, Ian McKellen, Luke Evans and Orlando Bloom. **10.35** ITV News. **Weather.** **10.55** **Film: Wanted.** (2008) A man joins a secret society of superpowered assassins that kills people destined to commit acts of evil. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman. **12.40** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Eternal Glory. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Triathlon: London. **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.20** Frasier. (R) **8.50** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** The People's Vet. **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R) **6.30** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **A Year in the New Forest.** A look at life in the New Forest in the spring, a challenging time of year for both people and animals. The semi-wild cattle and ponies that live in the forest face giving birth during changeable weather conditions, while the possibility of a late frost puts a goshawk's eggs at risk. **8.00** **My Family and the Galapagos.** Monty Hall's last few weeks on the Galapagos are spent learning more about sharks. He begins by taking his daughter Isla snorkelling with the creatures, then paying a visit to her school to give a talk on the ocean's most dangerous predators. Monty later joins a research expedition travelling 150 miles from human habitation to tag and photograph whale sharks, hoping to acquire valuable information on how to best protect both the sharks of the Galapagos and the oceans in general. The family also learns more about marine iguanas. Last in the series. **9.00** **Film: Eye in the Sky.** (2015) Premiere. Colonel Katherine Powell's mission to wipe out a terrorist cell in Kenya is complicated when a girl enters the blast radius of the intended drone strike. Powell has to decide between sacrificing the girl's life or letting the terrorists flee to carry out more atrocities. Thriller, starring Helen Mirren, Alan Rickman and Aaron Paul. **11.00** **Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 2.** (2012) Conclusion of the romantic fantasy series, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. **1.05** The Last Leg. (R) **2.00** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.10** Vet on the Hill. (R) **5.05** Lost and Found. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Chuckle Time with the Chuckle Brothers. (R) **11.25** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits. (R) **12.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.15** **Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.** (2003) Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom. **5.15** 5 News Update. **5.20** **Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.** (2003) Concluded. **7.00** **Cricknet on 5.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day of the Second Test in the five-match series, taking place at Lord's. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Alison Mitchell, Sourav Ganguly, Ebony Rainford-Brent and Charles Dagnall. **7.55** 5 News Weekend. **8.00** **Blind Date.** Paul O'Grady hosts a revival of the dating show in which a personal trainer and a Blackpool resident must choose between three unseen suitors based on their answers to a series of questions. Plus, last week's couples return from pottery classes and a trip to Morocco to reveal how things went. **9.00** **Gino's Win Your Wish List.** Gino D'Acampo hosts the game show in which a family of five contestants choose their dream prizes, then in pairs answer questions to try to bank the items on their wish list. The Harvey family from Co Antrim hope to win a holiday in Thailand, tickets to London fashion week, a new sofa and a chance to meet Elton John backstage. **10.00** **When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong.** Memorable on-air hitches, including presenter Sarah Cawood recalling the time The National Lottery Jetset studio was invaded by Fathers for Justice protestors. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Britain by Bike with Larry & George Lamb. The father-and-son duo explore Northumberland. (R) **4.00** Autopsy: Philip Seymour Hoffman. Investigating the death of the American actor. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. Ann Maurice visits Maidstone. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. Greek artist El Greco. (R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC Four **7.00** Wild Ireland: The Edge of the World **8.00** Wonders of the Moonson **9.00** Cardinal: Blackly Season **10.25** Top of the Pops: 1986 **10.55** Dusty Springfield at the BBC **11.55** You've Got a Friend: The Carole King Story **12.55** Easy Listening Hits at the BBC **1.55** Wild Ireland: The Edge of the World **2.55** Wonders of the Moonson **3.55** Close **ITV2** **11.35** Catchphrase **12.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.25** **Film: Step Up Revolution** (2012) **2.25** **FYI Daily** **2.30** **Film: Step Up Revolution** (2012) **3.15** **Film: Johnny English Reborn** (2011) **4.15** **FYI Daily** **4.20** **Film: Johnny English Reborn** (2011) **5.20** **Film: Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith** (2005) **6.25** **FYI Daily** **6.30** **Film: Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith** (2005) **9.05** **Film: Creed** (2015) **9.00** **FYI Daily** **9.05** **Film: Creed** (2015) **10.45** Keith Lemon: Coming in America **11.30** Family Guy **12.55** American Dad! **1.50** The Cleveland Show **2.15** CelebAbility **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** **ITV2** **Nightscreen** **ITV3** **2.45** **Film: That Riviera Touch** (1966) **4.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** **ITV3** **Nightscreen** **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4** **12.45** **ITV Racing: Live** from Ascot. Coverage of today's race meetings at Ascot. Haydock Park and Newmarket. **4.35** **Film: Escape to Victory** (1981) **5.35** **FYI Daily** **5.40** **Film: Escape to Victory** (1981) **7.00** World Series of Darts: Melbourne **11.00** Better Late Than Never **11.55** River Monsters **12.55** Minder **2.00** The Motorbike Show **2.50** **ITV4** **Nightscreen** **3.00** Teleshopping **E4** **11.30** Don't Tell the Bride **12.30** **Film: Dr Dolittle** (1998) **2.10** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.30** The Goldbears **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film: The Inbetweeners Movie** (2011) **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.10** Gogglebox **2.15** Rude Tube: Rude Tunes **3.05** The Inbetweeners **4.05** Rude Tube **4.30** **Film(ish) Tube** **Film4** **11.00** Courage Mountain (1990) **1.00** Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties (2006) **2.35** Never Been Kissed (1999) **4.40** The Choice (2016) **6.55** The Princess Bride (1987) **9.00** Pitch Perfect 2 (2015) **11.15** Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse (2015) **1.05** Danger: Diabolik (1968) **3.15** Close

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CHOICE



Fiona Bruce
Fake or Fortune? (BBC1, 9pm)
New series. Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould examine a still life that may have been painted by prolific artist William Nicholson, but which has been rejected by leading experts on his work. They discover a useful source of evidence in Nicholson's own paint box, but as they delve into the painting's history, they discover it may have been connected to one of the 20th century's greatest art crimes. Fiona meets a reformed forger to discover if he ever faked a Nicholson while Philip takes the painting to Canada to compare it to another of the artist's works.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Match of the Day. (R) **10.25** Sunday Morning Live. **11.25** Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.25** Songs of Praise. **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** European Championships 2018. Further live coverage of day 11 from Glasgow and Berlin, featuring diving, open water swimming, gymnastics, road cycling, and golf. **5.00** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Countryfile. Matt Baker, Ellie Harrison and Steve Brown present the show from Nottinghamshire, examining efforts to conserve the region's bramley apple trees and rare species of bats. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **6.30** **European Championships 2018.** Gabby Logan presents concluding coverage of day 11 from Berlin, where the inaugural staging of the multi-sports event takes place to a close with the final night of athletics. British middle-distance runners Laura Muir and Eilish McColgan are expected to compete in the respective finals of the women's 1500m and 3,000m steeplechase, while the men's triple jump event also takes place, before the finals of the women's and men's 4x100m relay races provide an exciting climax to the competition. **9.00** **Fake or Fortune?** New series. Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould examine a still life that may have been painted by William Nicholson, but could be from one of the 20th century's greatest art crimes. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's three Premier League matches, featuring Arsenal v Manchester City at the Emirates Stadium, Liverpool v West Ham United at Anfield and Southampton v Burnley at the St Mary's Stadium. A new post-Arsene Wenger era began for Arsenal with the toughest of tests against last season's champions, while the Hammers were also looking for a surprise victory under new manager Manuel Pellegrini. **11.35** **The Truth About Getting Fit.** Michael Mosley and a team of scientists investigate some of the easiest and most effective ways to get the biggest benefits of exercise. (R) **12.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Gardeners' World. (R) **7.05** Countryfile. (R) **8.00** European Championships 2018. **1.15** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.15** The Mating Game – Natural World Special. (R) **3.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** European Championships 2018. Continued live coverage of day 11 from Glasgow and Berlin. **6.30** **Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing.** Paul and Bob fish the river Wensum in Norfolk for Roach, and decide to challenge each other to a fishing competition where the winner gets a very special culinary treat. (R) **7.00** **Inside the Factory.** Gregg Wallace explores the North Yorkshire factory that produces 625,000 sausages a day, and Cherry Healey is at the University of Chester, getting the scientific lowdown on the best bangers. Plus, Ruth Goodman investigates how a German bratwurst became so popular in America. (R) **8.00** **Dragons' Den.** New series. Entrepreneurs Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Tej Lalvani and Jenny Campbell assess more unusual business ideas, including a shocking display from the owner of a live anatomy dissection business and a new model of tuk-tuk that turns out to have a fatal flaw. The final presentation is for a singer-for-hire scheme, which prompts the panel to show off their own musical talents. **9.00** **Travels in Trumpland with Ed Balls.** Ed Balls discovers who benefits financially from Trump's presidency, paying a visit to his private members' club, where a party is being held to mark the first anniversary of the election victory. He also meets a controversial pastor who believes prayer can lead to wealth and a musician attempting to fuse country music and rap. Finally, Ed attends a Tea Party convention, to share with those in attendance what he has learned. Last in the series. **10.00** **Lost Boys?: What's Going Wrong for Asian Men.** Reporter Mehreen Balg reports on the challenges facing Asian men growing up in modern Britain. **11.00** **Film: Kings of Curry.** (2013) **12.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Holby City. (R) **2.15** This Is BBC Two.

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6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Make It Pop. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Mission Employable. (R) **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Possession. (R) **7.30** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Sunday. **9.25** Japandemonium. (R) **9.50** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **10.50** WOS Wrestling. (R) **11.50** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **12.10** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes. (R) **1.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **2.30** The Chase. (R) **3.30** **Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring.** (2001) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. **6.40** ITV News; Weather. **6.50** **Regional Programme;** Weather. **7.00** **Midsomer Murders.** At the Luxton Deeping Crime Festival, the unveiling of a newly discovered novel by deceased Midsomer crime writer George Summersbee is jeopardised when the manuscript is stolen and local artist Suezie Colebrooke is electrocuted by a booby-trapped roulette wheel. Can new father Barnaby untangle a web of jealousy and obsession to find the killer? With Fiona Dolman, Tamzin Malletson, Liberty Mills, Una Stubbs and Georgia Taylor. (R) **9.00** **Unforgotten.** James, Tim and Chris are exposed as having lied about their whereabouts on the night Hayley died. Pete reveals that he saw Eliot climbing into the holiday home through a window on New Year's Day, while leaves James struggling with the possibility that his son may have killed Hayley. Fran cracks a code in the dead girl's diary, suggesting that she met a local drug dealer on the night she disappeared. **10.05** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** **Carry On Forever.** June Whitfield and Sally Geeson recall how Carry On Abroad was filmed much closer to home than the cast had hoped and Patrick Mower reflects on Carry On England. Last in the series. (R) **11.20** **Tonight at the Palladium.** Variety show from the West End theatre, featuring some of the UK's best-loved comedians and entertainers. (R) **12.10** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.05** Mobil 1: The Grid. **6.30** Motor Sport: British GT. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Peng Life. (R) **2.00** **Film: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules.** (2011) Children's comedy sequel, starring Zachary Gordon. **4.00** Location. Location. Location. (R) **5.00** A Place in the Sun. **5.30** Homes by the Sea. (R) **6.30** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams.** Arthur explores the South East by plane, discovering the dangers of flying through London's crowded airspace and visiting the birthplace of British aviation on the North Kent coast. He also follows the course of the M25 to Cardington Sheds, home of the world's biggest aircraft and takes a spitfire for a spin in Biggin Hill. **8.00** **Hidden Britain by Drone.** Tony Robinson presents aerial footage of more inaccessible parts of the UK, sending drones to explore a chain of sea forts that were once a lair for pirates, a top-secret underground Cold War bunker, the inner workings of a sewage plant and a vast luxury car emporium. **9.00** **The Handmaid's Tale.** Serena Joy and the other wives strive to make change. Emily learns more about her new Commander, and Offred faces a difficult decision. Last in the series. **10.20** **Mama's Angel.** Israeli mystery thriller, starring Sharon Stark as a prison therapist who has to treat a child murderer at the same time as she is dealing with the disappearance of her son. Full series available online. **11.15** **First Dates.** Dapper Will is looking for a woman to share his love of the countryside, but he has never had a girlfriend and is not a natural when it comes to chatting up a lady. (R) **12.15** **Film: Fruitvale Station.** (2013) Fact-based drama, starring Michael B Jordan. **1.45** **Film: Suntan.** (2016) Greek drama, starring Makis Papadimitriou. **3.30** Vet on the Hill. Scott tries to help a Spanish rescue cat with a chronic eye condition. (R) **4.25** Lost and Found. (R) **5.20** The Posh Frock Shop. (R) **5.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Seaside Antics. (R) **6.45** Only the Little White Van. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **6.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas and Friends: Extraordinary Engines. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.45** Rusty Rivets. (R) **8.00** Paw Patrol. **8.15** Pirata & Capitano. **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Access. **10.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.15** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords: Disturbing the Peace. (R) **4.15** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R) **6.05** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** Agents chase more than £1,700 in unpaid parking fines in south-east London, and in north Wales, officers try to recover £2,000 owed by a tradesman to a former employer. (R) **7.00** **Cricknet on 5.** England v India. Action from the fourth day of the Second Test in the five-match series, taking place at Lord's. **7.50** **5 News Weekend.** **8.00** **Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest.** (2006) Captain Jack Sparrow battles to save his soul from the legendary Davy Jones and his fearsome sea monster. Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom. **9.15** **5 News Update.** **9.20** **Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest.** (2006) Concluded. **10.55** **Film: The Expendables 2.** (2012) The mercenary team battles a rival band of hired guns who have killed one of their number. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme. **11.55** Access. Showbiz news and gossip. **12.00** **Film: The Expendables 2.** (2012) Concluded. **12.50** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Britain's Parking Hell. (R) **4.00** The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms 2018 **8.45** BBC Proms Encores **9.00** The Stolen Maharajah: Britain's Indian Royal **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Mission to Mars: A Horizon Special **11.30** The Comet's Tale **12.30** Timeshift – Flights of Fancy: Pigeons and the British **1.30** Arena: American Epic **2.30** The Stolen Maharajah: Britain's Indian Royal **3.30** Close
ITV2
12.30 Ninja Warrior UK **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.25** **Film: The Smurfs** (2011) **3.25** FYI Daily **3.30** **Film: The Smurfs** (2011) **4.30** **Film: Ella Enchanted** (2004) **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35** **Film: Ella Enchanted** (2004) **6.35** **Film: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope** (1977) **7.35** FYI Daily **7.40** **Film: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope** (1977) **9.00** **Film: Skyfall** (2012) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** **Film: Skyfall** (2012) **11.55** Family Guy **12.55** American Dad! **1.45** Ghosted **2.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV3
12.50 Rosemary & Thyme **3.55** Victoria **6.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** The Halcyn **12.05** Wire in the Blood **1.55** Blue Murder **3.40** Road to Avonlea **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
5.45 Silverstone Classic **6.45** Football Rivalries **7.00** World Series of Darts: Melbourne **11.00** **Film: Assault on Precinct 13** (2005) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10** **Film: Assault on Precinct 13** (2005) **1.10** BRDC Formula 3 Highlights **2.10** The Protectors **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
12.15 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.10** Young Sheldon **2.10** The Big Bang Theory **6.40** **Film: Iron Man 2** (2010) **9.00** Fear the Walking Dead **10.25** Gogglebox **11.30** The Big Bang Theory **12.25** Ride Tube **2.00** Fear the Walking Dead **3.15** Hollyoaks
Film4
11.00 Sunshine on Leith (2013) **1.00** My Neighbour Totoro (1988) **2.45** Flight of the Navigator (1986) **4.30** Eragor (2006) **6.35** The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011) **9.00** X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014) Wolverine is sent back in time to change history and prevent a war that has devastated the world. Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman and Jennifer Lawrence. **11.35** The Counsellor (2013) Ridley Scott's crime thriller, starring Michael Fassbender. **1.55** Radiator (2014) **3.50** Close

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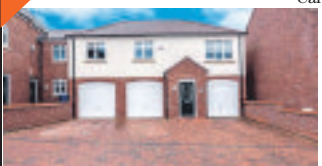
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Hednesford, Cannock



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Cheslyn Hay, Walsall



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Wimblebury, Cannock



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- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£189,950 FREEHOLD

52 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE



EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED PERIOD PROPERTY located In The eSought After Shoal Hill Area Of The Town With Golf Course To The Rear

- ◆ Enclosed porch & reception hal
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Sitting/dining room
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed & gas central heating
- ◆ Garage and gardens
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

£339,950

13 CAVERSHAM MEWS, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE



EXTREMELY WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Detached double garage & gardens
- ◆ EPC rating C (79)

£202,500 FREEHOLD

168 ALLPORT STREET, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located In Sought After Area Convenient For The Town Centre

- ◆ Recessed porch & reception hall
- ◆ Sitting room
- ◆ Lounge/dining room
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating & double glazed
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£275,000

6 FAIRMOUNT DRIVE, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE



THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Conveniently Located Close To Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage and carport
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (60)

£165,000

53 STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE



SUBSTANTIAL INDIVIDUAL DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OF CHARACTER OFFERING WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Located In Popular Residential Area And Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ 3/4 reception rooms
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen/breakfast area
- ◆ 3/4 double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and 2 en-suites
- ◆ Well stocked mature gardens
- ◆ Double garage and enclosed carport
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

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THE COTTAGE, 146 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK



A LUXURIOUSLY APPOINTED 19TH CENTURY COTTAGE WITH INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED EXTENSIONS PROVIDING FLEXIBLE CHARACTERFUL ACCOMMODATION Occupying Corner Plot In The Much Sought After Shoal Hill Area Of The Town

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Central lounge & family room/ bedroom 4
- ◆ Study & refitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Orangery & snug
- ◆ Master bedroom suite & ensuite shower room
- ◆ Two further bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage & landscaped corner plot gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- ◆ EPC D (55)

£460,000 FREEHOLD

26 SOUTH CLOSE, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE



A SUPERB TWO/THREE BEDROOM DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW Located In Much Sought After Cul-De-Sac

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Sitting room/ bedroom three
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Two further bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage & gardens
- ◆ Gas central heating & double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (62)

£315,000 FREEHOLD

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD



GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED FLAT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (74)

£76,950

5 WAVENEY GROVE, CANNOCK.

NEW PRICE



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Vestibule
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Rear porch, cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room and refitted bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (71)

£345,000 FREEHOLD

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HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES



- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

EDISON CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom, GH
- DG, Gardens
- Driveway & Garage
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/PETS

£625 pcm

HUNTER ROAD, CANNOCK



- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 pcm

MANDERLEY HOUSE, SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



- 2Bed GFF
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- En suite to Master
- Communal Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating B

£695 pcm

CAPERCAILLIE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES



- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Drive & Garage
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£795 pcm

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- Individually Designed Newly Built Three Storey Detached Family Home
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- Balcony & Gardens

LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD



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- An Extremely Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
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- Modern Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Delightful Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

£210,000

RAWNSLEY ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Reception Hall, Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Diner, Bathroom
- Conservatory, Two DOUBLE bedrooms
- Study, Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage & Ample Driveway

OIEO £200,000

MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



- A Beautifully Presented Three Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Extended Breakfast
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway Providing Ample Off

OIEO £200,000

CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES



- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory, Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

GREENHEATH ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- A Well Presented Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Detached Garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OIEO £175,000

STONEY LEA ROAD, CANNOCK



- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Hallway, Lounge/ Diner
- Kitchen, Spacious Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Gardens

OIEO £160,000

ABBAY STREET, HEDNESFORD



- A Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining room, Guest WC, Kitchen
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms, Spacious Family Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Off Road Parking
- Delightful Front and Rear Gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£150,000

GEORGE STREET, HEDNESFORD



- A Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£150,000

STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- A Well Presented and Improved Two Bedroom Semi Detached House.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Guest WC, Conservatory,
- Two double bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom.
- Front and Rear Gardens, Driveway.
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£145,000 NO CHAIN

FOXFIELDS WAY, HUNTINGTON



- A Delightful Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Hallway, Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory
- Bathroom, Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

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- A Deceptively Spacious Semi Detached House
- Good Sized Plot
- Entrance Hall, Lounge

OIEO £100,000



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- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Garage, Off Road Parking
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<p>Heather Valley HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Stunning four bedroom detached family home / Set on highly sought after semi rural area / Occupies good sized corner plot / Mature three tier private rear garden / Driveway for up to six vehicles</p> <p>£450,000</p>	<p>Littleworth Road RAWNSLEY</p>  <p>Five bedroom detached family home / NO UPWARD CHAIN / Breakfast kitchen / Drive for more than ten vehicles / Enclosed rear garden / EPC: C</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £400,000</p>	<p>Castlecroft NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Immaculately presented executive four bedroom detached house / Exclusive sought after cul-de-sac location / Spacious reception rooms & bedrooms / Victorian style conservatory / Garage and drive</p> <p>£375,000</p>	<p>Chester Road RUGELEY</p>  <p>Outstanding executive detached family home / Large corner plot within a peaceful semi rural location / Delightful countryside views to the front / Originally a show home / Open plan family room ideal</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £320,000</p>	<p>Kingfisher Drive HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom detached bungalow / Set on large secluded plot / Large private driveway for up to four vehicles / Substantial landscaped rear & side gardens / Spacious living &</p> <p>£300,000</p>	<p>Wenlock View HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Executive four bedroom detached family home / Set on small private development / Stunning open plan kitchen-diner / Spacious living room / High spec kitchen / En-suite plus guest WC</p> <p>£290,000</p>
<p>Canterbury Way HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Truly outstanding executive detached four bedroom family home / Finished to a show house standard and immaculately presented throughout / Stunning open plan high spec dining kitchen / Delightful</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £270,000</p>	<p>Stafford Lane HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom detached house / Substantially improved property / Spacious lounge / Good sized bedrooms / Garage and driveway</p> <p>£260,000</p>	<p>Redmond Close ETCHING HILL</p>  <p>NO UPWARD CHAIN / Stunning four bedroom detached family home / Set on end plot within quiet cul-de-sac / Refurbished & finished to high standard throughout / Brand new combi boiler / Contemporary</p> <p>£259,000</p>	<p>Woodfield Drive NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom detached bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Driveway for up to three vehicles / Landscaped low maintenance rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen / Part converted attic</p> <p>£250,000</p>	<p>Pine Close GREAT WYRLEY</p>  <p>Deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow / Immaculately presented throughout with tasteful decoration / Modern fitted open plan kitchen-diner / Driveway with parking for up</p> <p>£230,000</p>	<p>Devonshire Drive RUGELEY</p>  <p>Refurbished three bedroom semi detached bungalow / Spacious open plan living area / Three double bedrooms / Modern fitted bathroom with skylight / Parking & garage to the rear</p> <p>Offers in the Region Of £220,000</p>
<p>Truro Place HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom detached family home / Private south west facing rear garden with recently laid patio area / Superb open plan kitchen-diner with new fitted kitchen (2 years old) / Spacious</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £215,000</p>	<p>Armitage Lane BRERETON</p>  <p>Deceptively spacious four bedroom semi detached house / Spacious lounge-diner / Large breakfast kitchen / Conservatory / Versatile ground floor bedroom / En-suite to master / Private rear garden</p> <p>£195,000</p>	<p>Bond Way HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom detached house / Occupies corner plot / Good sized lounge & open plan kitchen / Two car driveway / Private rear garden</p> <p>£190,000</p>	<p>Redbrook Close HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Well presented and superbly maintained two bedroom detached bungalow / Set back from the road at the end of quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious lounge-diner / Two double bedrooms / High spec kitchen /</p> <p>£190,000</p>	<p>Juniper Close HAZEL SLADE</p>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached family home / New high spec Howdens fitted kitchen / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Fully refurbished / Spacious lounge diner / semi rural area / Garage</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £180,000</p>	<p>Holt Crescent HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Three bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Refurbished property / Quiet end plot / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Integral garage and driveway</p> <p>£180,000</p>
<p>The Lindens RUGELEY</p>  <p>Three bedroom town house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Modern kitchen-diner / Integral garage and a private double driveway / Top floor master bedroom with en-suite</p> <p>£170,000</p>	<p>The Brambles NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Immaculately presented and superbly maintained three bedroom semi-detached house / Desirable corner plot position at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Finished to an exceptional standard throughout</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £165,000</p>	<p>Chequers Court NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Well presented and deceptively spacious two bedroom property / Close to local shops and amenities / Close to local shops and amenities / Driveway with parking for two vehicles / Private rear garden</p> <p>£145,000</p>	<p>Waterbrook Way CANNOCK</p>  <p>Two bedroom semi-detached house / Corner plot near the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Parking for two vehicles plus space for a caravan / Conservatory / 2 Double bedrooms / Lounge-diner</p> <p>£145,000</p>	<p>Foster Avenue HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Good sized private rear garden / Spacious lounge and open plan kitchen-diner / Driveway with parking for two vehicles</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £140,000</p>	<p>Priory Road BRERETON</p>  <p>Deceptively spacious two bedroom semi detached house / Set on generous plot / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Gated driveway with parking for two vehicles / Surrounding gardens with hedged</p> <p>£140,000</p>
<p>Gorsemoor Road HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Two bedroom traditional semi detached house / Good sized plot with a large charming rear garden / Driveway with ample off road parking / Sought after location / Spacious reception rooms and bedrooms</p> <p>£132,000</p>	<p>Stafford Street HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>NO ONWARD CHAIN / Immaculately presented two bedroom terraced house / Tastefully brought up to modern standard whilst maintaining plenty of original charm</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £130,000</p>	<p>Newhall Street CANNOCK</p>  <p>Deceptively spacious traditional end terrace house / Two spacious reception rooms / Two double bedrooms / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good sized private rear garden</p> <p>Offers in the Region Of £130,000</p>	<p>Cannock Road CANNOCK</p>  <p>Three bedroom mid terraced / spacious open plan living area / private rear garden / ideal for first time buyers and investors</p> <p>£120,000</p>	<p>Highland Road HUNTINGTON</p>  <p>Three bedroom mid terraced house / Gated driveway and front garden / Private rear garden / NO ONWARD CHAIN</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £110,000</p>	<p>Apple Walk HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Mid terraced one bedroom house / Ideal for first time buyers or investors / Open plan living area / Open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen / Off road parking for one vehicle plus visitors spaces</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £90,000</p>

Arona is a truly family-friendly car

By John Griffiths

Oh dear. SEAT has added a diesel variant to its appealing Arona range, and that leaves me with something of a dilemma.

I was impressed with the petrol model I drove earlier this year. Powered by another of those 1.0 litre, three-cylinder engines which punches well above its weight, it demonstrated sprightly yet refined performance and economy.

Now SEAT has released its diesel version, with a 1.6 litre unit producing the same 115PS as its stablemate, with plenty of go – slightly behind its petrol sibling off the line – but even better economy. That makes the fuel decision a tough one.

This Ibiza-based compact SUV feels lively in whichever guise, and stands out for its stability and pinpoint handling. These latter virtues are, of course very much a SEAT trait as the company sees itself as the more sporting brand within the VW empire. It's logical that this would be transferred from the new Ibiza to its close relative the Arona.

And you need a stand-out in this section of by far the fastest-growing area of the new car market, and it's no doubt played a part in the Spanish company's record sales – up 33 per cent in June compared to 2017, and following on from last year's all-time record.

New models have helped, including the larger Ateca SUV (its sales success seems to have surprised even SEAT), the latest Ibiza, and the Arona which has already won a number of awards including best diesel-powered compact SUV.

The test car on this occasion, an SE Technology Lux, costs £20,310. The range starts from under £17,000 while the flagship



The interior has a youthful feel

Xcellence Lux diesel auto tops the range at £25,165, and for the sporty-minded driver there's a 1.5 turbo EVO version with 150Ps of power. All are front wheel drive – there's no 4x4 option as very few potential buyers in this class want to pay the extra cost.

While it's based on the Ibiza platform, and the interiors/instrumentation have much in common, the Arona is a distinctive model, with its raised rear window and roof in a contrasting colour).

The Arona also has taller architecture (and bigger wheels) which produces some family-friendly advantages – more space for passengers and luggage, the higher seating position for better visibility and great ground clearance. It's on the same wheelbase as the Ibiza, so it's not hard to find a suitable parking place. The boot, for example, holds 400 litres of luggage with five people on board. That's nearly ten per cent larger than the hatchback. Legroom in the rear is generous by class standards, too.



The Arona is a distinctive model, with its raised rear window and roof in a contrasting colour

There's a good range of height and leg adjustment for the driver, and the steering wheel is multi-adjustable too so most drivers can find that ideal position. That's important on a car with a sporty character: it helps you feel fully in control and take advantage of the taut, almost sporty handling.

It turns in quickly, and doesn't suffer from body roll or instability in spite of the Arona's extra height. It's a rewarding drive, and that sets it apart somewhat from the 'hatchback on steroids' compact SUV class.

The diesel has the same output as the petrol 1.0, but it has 25 per cent more torque and at

lower revs. So while at a 10.5 seconds for the 62mph sprint it's just over half a second slower, the diesel has more low down torque for a bit more relaxed progress. Its official fuel average is 68.9mpg with a 106g/km CO2 rating.

The interior has a youthful feel, with SEAT's multi-function colour touch screen, including smartphone linking, a first-rate audio system and, in the case of the test car, satnav. SE spec also includes 17-inch alloys, air conditioning, cruise control, hill hold control and rear parking sensors. FR has a more sporting theme (including sports seats) while Xcellence trim is the best-equipped, luxury variant.

Across the range, Arona's have 'front assist', a radar-based warning and crash prevention system, and driver tiredness recognition.

The Arona is an interesting car engineering-wise as it's built on the stiff and dynamically capable platform used in other models across the VW, Audi and Skoda range. But it's also adjustable, shown by the fact that it's a bare 2mm longer than the Ibiza while retaining the same wheelbase. Such unseen elements are the basics for the Arona's dynamics, good ride and quiet character, but with a little extra height and some clever packaging SEAT has created a truly family-friendly car.

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The refined and economical Honda Civic 1.6-litre i-DTEC diesel model is now available with an efficient nine-speed automatic transmission, capable of delivering impressive shifting refinement and official average fuel economy of 68.9 mpg - for all grades and across both four-door sedan and five-door hatchback models.

This is the first time that a combination of a diesel engine and an automatic gearbox has been available on a Civic.

With a wide spread of gears, the nine-speed transmission boasts superb efficiency: the very low first-gear ratio delivers a smooth and powerful launch, while a high top-gear ratio ensures low engine speed while cruising, which reduces fuel consumption and noise.

The 1.6-litre i-DTEC automatic offers both exhilarating driving performance combined with efficiency, with competitive power-to-consumption ratios among automatic models in the same class.

The engine produces 120 PS (88 kW) at 4,000 rpm and 300 Nm of torque at 2,000 rpm. Combined with the nine-speed automatic gearbox, it can power the Civic from zero to 62 mph in 11 seconds, and on to a top speed of 124 mph.

As well as impressive economy, under the combined cycle of the revised NEDC test, the new Civic 1.6-litre i-DTEC Automatic has recorded low CO2 emissions of 108g/km (four-door) and 109g/km (five-door).

The spread of ratios in the gearbox means the automatic delivers smooth shifts, and a feeling of linear acceleration through the gears.

Depending on the engine speed and



The 1.6-litre i-DTEC automatic offers both exhilarating driving performance combined with efficiency

throttle application, the transmission is also capable of 'skipping' gears for quick response, for example shifting down directly from 9th to 5th gear or from 7th to 4th gear, in addition to one- and two-gear downshifts.

Honda's latest 1.6-litre i-DTEC engine features forged steel pistons for reducing cooling loss and 'super plateau honing', which lowers the friction level between the pistons and the cylinder bores to enable smooth piston movement and enhance the long-term wear characteristics of the engine.

A revised turbocharger features a highly efficient variable-nozzle design and its rotational speed is precisely controlled by the car's electronics, minimising turbo lag and providing an optimal combination of low to mid-range pull and high-speed

performance. Energy loss from the system is lower than in the previous i-DTEC, thanks to a new design of compressor in the turbocharger. All of these upgrades contribute to an improvement in fuel consumption compared to the previous generation i-DTEC unit.

The engine is one of the first engines to be officially tested through the Real Driving Emission procedure to validate NOx and particulate emission levels. The powertrain has a new NOx Storage Converter system with a higher processing cell density, which enables faster conversion and a reduction in emissions. A silver thin-coated particulate filter further improves the combustion efficiency of particulate matter, extending exhaust component durability, due to shorter heat production in the particular filter.

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The familiar Jeep 'face' with its iconic slotted grille

Jeep steering in new direction with revived Compass name

By John Griffiths

Jeep is one of the oldest and best known manufacturers of capable, go-anywhere vehicles – and these days utility has to come with comfort and a high specification too.

Jeep has a wealth of experience in this field, with its Cherokee and the larger Grand Cherokee and its smaller Renegade becoming a best-seller for the company.

But the SUV buyer profile has also been changing, with many choosing to keep costs down by opting for many of the genre's perceived virtues without paying the price of a 4x4 system (which they'd rarely if ever use).

So Jeep has revived the Compass name with a model which sits between the Renegade and the Cherokee and appeals to this sort of big family car buyer. But it does offer 4x4 too, including an ultimate Trailhawk model for those contemplating serious off-road adventures.

The test car came from the middle of the range and quite likely to be one of the biggest sellers – a 4x2, with an economical 1.6 litre diesel engine and in Limited trim with a list price of £29,355.

The range starts from £23,355 with the same 120bhp engine, while the other options are two 1.4 litre MultiAir petrol units of either 120 or 140bhp. Those who choose



The luxurious cabin has high quality materials

all-wheel drive also get more powerful engines of 170bhp, petrol or diesel.

While the Compass is smaller than a Cherokee it's not a small car and has the familiar Jeep 'face' with its iconic slotted grille. Inside, it has plenty of head and legroom to seat five adults with a family-sized 438 litre boot, or 1,215 litres if the rear seats are folded down.

The high seating position provides excellent visibility all-round with a hip height which allows easy access or egress. It is well-equipped and has a quality feel, which complements the smooth ride and quiet engine, which rarely raises its voice above a whisper.

A strong, high-tensile steel unitary body/frame, with a new suspension system and electric power steering makes it more car-like to drive than some traditional SUVs. Its dynamic performance and well-damped suspension are essential for SUVs which spend most, if not all, their time on the highways and byeways rather than bridleways or worse.

The high specification Limited comes with high quality materials in its luxurious cabin, including big, superbly shaped front seats with eight-way electric adjustment. The fact that they're heated is not uncommon, but the fact they're ventilated, gently blowing cool air, was very much appreciated during the recent heatwave.

The Compass Limited is packed with technology and driver aids, too. An 8.4 inch central control screen gives you access to satnav, hands-free phone, and a full range of iPhone/smartphone mirrored functions, as well as the premium BeatsAudio sound system.

There's a second colour information display in the driver's eyeline, between the conventional instrument dials, while steering wheel buttons allow finger/thumb operation of many functions, including cruise control.

Voice control is also a feature – so it's hands on the wheel, eyes on the road at all times.

Six airbags and an array of electronic safety systems, as well as its tough construction, meant the Compass received the maximum five stars in EuroNCAP crash tests.

Jeep has already unveiled a new Wrangler and other new models are on the way but the Compass may be an indication of its future direction.

From the front, its bold and muscular looking 'face' could not be anything other than a Jeep, yet from other angles it appears sleek and even sporty, particularly when you view the waist and rooflines.

Likewise, it retains the core Jeep values of space and comfort while encompassing the latest technology – in a range which includes versions for those who want a big family car for the road and, for those who want or need it, ultimate off-road capability.

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Solid seller becomes even better as Ceed moves on

By Ian Donaldson

There's something missing on the latest Kia, although you may hardly notice. Or indeed care.

Especially as it's all about the way the name is presented, with the over complicated and now former c'eed becoming simply Ceed.

It's the sort of thing that bothers car makers rather more than the folk who buy their product, but from now on it's simply Ceed – as in a car for the Community of Europe, with European Design.

This latest version of a car that has been a solid seller since they started to appear in 2006 looks a lot like the old one (no bad thing) but sharpened up all round and a little bit wider but lower for a more athletic look.

More practically, the result is a bigger boot and more shoulder room for rear seat passengers in this five-door hatchback, which continues to offer enough space for a growing family and their luggage.

The dashboard looks more upmarket and modern while, thankfully, keeping enough old fashioned buttons to make life for the driver both more convenient and safer than relying too much on the finger dabs and swipes on a touchscreen.

There's a choice of three engines, two petrol and one diesel. Leading the petrol charge is an undated version of the existing 1.0 litre with 118bhp. More power is available from a new 1.4 litre petrol unit which replaces the old and larger 1.6 and with 138bhp on tap is actually



The dashboard looks more upmarket and modern

modestly more potent. It's also usefully economical, with 48.7mpg on the new official test and 132g/km of emissions.

Showing there's life in diesels yet, your Ceed can have a new 1.6 litre 114bhp powerplant on board. It's 99g/km emissions figure will be a temptation to people buying a new Ceed for business use and so will its 74.3mpg official economy boast.

As standard all three engines are mated to a crisp-changing six-speed manual gearbox; a seven-speed auto is an option on the diesel and 1.4 petrol variants.

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The newcomer is available in four grades, starting with '2' and moving through Blue Edition and '3' to top out with the bells and whistles First Edition. Prices range from £18,295 for a 1.0 litre in '2' spec to £26,850 for a First Edition 1.4 with auto gears. Diesels start at £19,545 and 1.4 petrols at £21,095.

Even the entry level Ceed lacks for little, taking in cruise control, 16ins alloy wheels, electric windows all round, air conditioning, reversing camera, DAB radio, Bluetooth and Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

A suite of safety additions include blind spot collision warning and forward collision avoidance that recognises if you close too quickly on a vehicle or pedestrian and will start braking if you don't.

Kia pointed us towards the Tatra mountains in Slovakia on the Ceed's press launch with the new 1.6 diesel initially doing the hard work.

It didn't take many kilometres to appreciate the car's newfound quietness or a ride that smoothly laughed off the odd bit of Slovakian road surface that wasn't spirit level flat.

Turning to the new Ceed, but with the new 1.4 petrol engine aboard, produced a car transformed, with more immediate performance on tap and a more confident feel on the corners. This time the 8.6 seconds to 62mph felt briskly correct.

Even hampered on the economy front by an (optional) automatic gearbox, the car made a compelling case for petrol with 54.5mpg on the trip readout. It's the one to choose this time unless you absolutely need to wring out every last drop of fuel.



The car looks a lot like the old one but sharpened up all round

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August 14, 2018 at Stafford
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Gillian.

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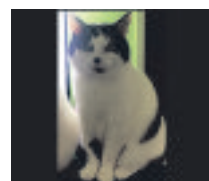
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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 - ARTICLE 15 (4)

Application Number: **SS.18/03/602 MW**

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Signed: Darryl Eysers on behalf of Staffordshire County Council
Date: 9 August 2018

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The application includes the following terms:

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Full details of the Application and the drawing can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority at Cannock Chase District Council, Civic Centre, PO Box 28, Beecroft Road, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1BG.

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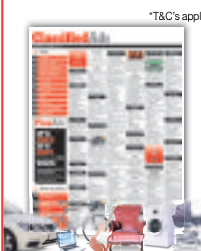
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Boxing heroes hit bar for sporting dinner

BOXING fans have the chance to meet Barry McGuigan and Ray Mancini at a sporting dinner taking place in Cannock next month.

The duo will appear at Bar Sport's Premier Suite in High Green, on Saturday, September 15.

McGuigan, nicknamed The Clones Cyclone, is a former WBA feather-weight world champion and won a gold medal at the 1978 Commonwealth Games. He is now a successful boxing promoter and the president of the Professional Boxing Association.

American Mancini, nicknamed Boom Boom, competed from 1979-92.

He held the WBA lightweight title from 1982 to 1984 and has also worked as an actor after hanging up his gloves. His father, Lenny Mancini, was also a successful boxer.

For more information or to book tickets for the sporting dinner call Bar Sport in Cannock on 01543 572092 or 01543 503859 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/Barsportcannock> for more details and prices.

Archie rewrites record books with a triple ton

TEENAGE cricket ace Archie O'Hara rewrote the record books as he smashed a superb triple century for Staffordshire under-17s.

O'Hara, who plays club cricket for Wolverhampton, blasted an unbeaten 306 in his side's draw with Northamptonshire at Holcot.

The 17-year-old opener's score was a new county record, while his second wicket partnership with Dan Grounds was the highest-ever recorded in a Staffordshire under-17 match.

O'Hara's innings of 449 balls included 37 fours and a six and helped Staffordshire to amass a total of 570-7 declared.

Delighted coach Jamie Turner said: "It was a brilliant innings to watch.

"Archie is a quality player who is naturally aggressive. In this instance, he showed a great deal of patience and he didn't give up a chance from the first ball to the last. His partnership with Dan was crucial.

"For such a young player he showed a huge amount of maturity. It was very impressive."

League earns the Respect of judges

THE Stourbridge & District Football League has picked up the Respect Award at inaugural The FA and McDonald's Grassroots Football Awards.

The league was one of the 13 different category winners, picked from more than 2,900 nominations.

The awards recognise and celebrate the work of individuals and groups to instill The FA's PRIDE values – Progressive, Respectful, Inclusive, Determined and Excellent – whilst making a positive difference in their club, league or local community.

The FA worked alongside respective County FAs to select local winners. The regional list of recipients was deliberated upon by a panel at Wembley and the winners recognised and celebrated at Sunday's Community Shield.

Nathan French, the FA's National Respect Project Manager, said: "The FA and McDonald's Grassroots Football Awards capture the essence of all that is good about football, and give national recognition to excellent work that might otherwise go under the radar."

Hendrie helps lead way – in or out of football

SPORTING FEATURE

By Luke Hatfield

"If I see potential in someone I'll try and get them into a football club so they can get back on the ladder"

HE made 271 appearances for Villa, scoring 27 goals along the way – but now Lee Hendrie is giving something back to the game, and the club, which gave him so much.

Making his first-team debut for the club he supported as a boy, it was far from a dream start for the then 18-year-old who earned himself a sending off during a 1-0 defeat to QPR in December 1995.

Fast forward two decades and it's experiences like that which give him hope that he can be the ideal role model to the youth now dreaming of doing exactly what he did as a fresh-faced midfielder.

Joining fellow former Villa youth player Ryan Amoo, the 41-year-old set-up the Lee Hendrie Academy three years ago, which aims to help young footballers find a way back into the game which so often chews up and spits out thousands of kids each year.

He understands that it's the 'love' of the game which keeps kids coming back to a sport which is renowned for putting the best on a pedestal, while seemingly forgetting those who never quite achieved the same acclaim.

Buzz

"I love football and I always want to be involved in football so, I like to watch football, I like to talk about football, I like to coach football," he beams. "It's safe to say the buzz of scoring goals and crunching tackles is still strong, even if he's not the one doing it.

"Every avenue that I can give something back to the game, that's what I've took on-board," he adds. "I set up the Academy just to help a few of these youngsters get on their feet.

"Some of the lads are potentially not going to get into a football club but some of these lads leave school at 16, and where do they go from there?"

It's a great question. For every Lee Hendrie in the world, there are countless players who never quite made it. Those, who for one reason or another, didn't get offered a professional contract. Where do they go? Often they end up playing back at a grassroots level looking for the next chance to showcase their talents

to someone who might be able to give them a chance to play the sport they love for a living. Plenty consider it the end of their dream, but Hendrie doesn't think that should be the case.

"I just think there's so much avenue for youngsters to get back into the game," he insists. "My ideal opportunity is that we get a very good foundation of young players that have maybe been released from football clubs, and it gives them another way of trying to get back into football, because certain kids at 16 get released from clubs and they think it's finished and it's over, but it's not.

"If I see potential in someone I'll certainly try and get them into a football club so they can get back on the ladder and try and prove a point to clubs."

What has helped for Hendrie, Amoo and those kids who have become a part of their academy set-up, is the former midfielder's links with the biggest club in the Midlands.

Recently creating a link with the Aston Villa Foundation, academy members now have a true pathway into professional football – and one willing to provide a chance to youth. Jack Grealish, Andre Green, Marc Albrighton, Gabriel Agbonlahor and even Gary Cahill are notable products of Villa's youth system who followed Hendrie.

All of those aforementioned players played first-team football at Villa Park, and while he understands that won't be the case for all of those under his wing, the one-time England international wants to give them all that chance. This will be our fourth year coming around," he said. "Having that link with

Villa now is extra special because we can take the lads up and play friendly games at Bodmoor Heath. There have been a couple of lads we've sent in on trial, there's plenty of potential players out there in grassroots football that don't get the opportunity to prove themselves or approach a professional club.

"I've sent a few lads down to Villa and they've been playing with the under-23s and been on three or four-week trials.

"I'd like it to be (a feeder for Villa). We run alongside Villa and their foundation, it's not the academy that they have at Bodmoor Heath every day.

"But Villa have done the foundation side of it where they're talking to the grassroots kids and you know they're going to get a lot of kids come through that system. Having that tie with them and being associated with them, it's a key factor for us that they can have a feel of actually going in and playing at Bodmoor Heath and maybe getting themselves a trial if they're good enough to get put forward.

Contrast

"It's been a great connection, having that with the club itself. We do the soccer camps that are really good, we've taken four or five lads, eight, nine, 10-year-olds that have signed for Villa which has been a great advert for what we do."

It's a long slog from the youth processes of old, when prospects wouldn't be showered with cash and have clubs deciding their every move.

Nowadays promising stars are earning countless sums before they've even kicked a ball. It's a huge contrast to the days of cleaning senior players' boots after a matchday.

"Me and Ryan came through the youth system ourselves, the old one where we did the boot cleaning and I think these days it's just a matter of giving these kids some guidance on where we might have gone wrong and might have made the wrong decisions.

"The main thing for me is learning a lot of respect. Sometimes these young kids get knocked for not having respect for people, and it's respecting the game as well as people. We're pretty hard on the lads because we want to get the best out of these kids. I've been through tough times myself and I've had to dig deep, and at the same time I've been at the top."



Lee Hendrie gives youngsters a chance to get back into the game



Looking back – Lee Hendrie alongside Gareth Barry

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Injuries are big hurdle for Pitmen

Newtown 1 Hednesford 0

AN injury-ravaged Hednesford Town were narrowly beaten by Welsh Premier League side Newtown AFC in the latest pre-season friendly for Rob Smith's side.

The Pitmen were left without four players through injury while four further players from the squad were also missing – leading to Hednesford starting the game with no fewer than five trialists in their team. Newtown meanwhile had four former Town players in their squad – Ben Bailey, Jay Denny, Nick Rushton and Callum Roberts.

In a lively opening the hosts should really have been ahead in the fourth minute but a shot was dragged wide. At the other end Mikey Nelson and Dan Cockerline both saw chances come and go while Callam Mendez-Jones had to react quickly to clear the ball off the Pitmen line in the 13th minute.

In a niggly first half there was little to speak of until the final stages when the hosts opened the scoring five minutes before the break.

After winning a free kick, the ball was played forward to Rushton, who made no mistake from 18 yards.

The start of the second half saw a number of set pieces dominating both penalty areas and Joe Fitzpatrick, in a centre-half role, had to react quickly to superbly stop Rushton when clean through in the 59th minute.

Hednesford saw a good chance to equalise in the 64th minute when a corner picked out Cockerline but his header went inches wide at the far post.

Rushton had another chance snuffed out in the 73rd minute before Cockerline watched a header land on the roof of the net six minutes later.

The Pitmen visit Chasetown for their final pre-season friendly on Saturday.

Stray backpass lets in Scholars for a close win

Chasetown 1 Stafford Rangers 0

A GOOD workout for The Scholars saw a second-half goal clinch the victory.

The winning goal came in the second half when Muzzy Nduna was quickest onto a backpass which was too short to the Rangers keeper.

Nduna cut past the visiting number one and from a tight angle, looked up and unselfishly picked out Will Whieldon who couldn't miss from close range.

Both sides created chances but it was Whieldon's goal that was the difference.

Days earlier, Championship side West Bromwich Albion brought a side to The Scholars' ground. Baggies won 2-1 with a late goal after the hosts had taken the lead with a bizarre own goal past Welsh keeper Boaz Myhill.

The final friendly is on Saturday, at home to local rivals Hednesford Town.

Top players to boost club's fundraiser



Danny Sapsford – coaching

TWO top GB tennis players are coming to Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club as part of a fundraiser.

Players can book in for a coaching session with Danny Sapsford and Jocelyn Rae and watch an exhibition match between the professional duo and club coaches James and Chris Perrin.

Sapsford, a Davis Cup player from 1990 to 1995, has reached the third round at Wimbledon and reached a

career-high ATP singles rating of 170. Rae has a WTA highest world ranking of 67 and has won more than 20 WTA/ITF titles. She reached the third round of the Australian Open in 2016, was a member of the GB Federation Cup team and was a Commonwealth Games gold medalist in 2010 with mixed doubles partner Colin Fleming.

The fundraiser towards improving facilities at the club is on September

22 from 1 to 6pm. Food and refreshments will be served throughout.

The schedule will also include off-court games, with prizes.

Players can have their serve speed measured and there are coaching sessions for six to 10-year-olds and 10 to 16-year-olds, costing £5 and for adult ages and teams, aged 14 and upwards for £10. Visit cheslynhaytennis@live.com for times and to book.

TON FROM FLEET SCUPPERS RIVALS

A TERRIFIC ton from Will Fleet helped Cannock to a 157-run Staffs Clubs Championship win over neighbours Rugeley.

Fleet's 113 came in 93 balls, with 15 fours and a six, as Cannock scored 277-8. Opener Dan Wood had hit 77. Mohammad Sultan, 4-40, was the pick of the bowlers for Rugeley, who were bowled out for 120 in reply. Opener Jonathan Pearson top-scored with 51. Connor Shingler took 5-18.

Whittington were chasing a Springvale total of 325-8, but reached their total with five balls to spare to win by four wickets. Jono Alcock scored 83 and Steven Kelly 74. Hammerwich went down by five runs to Beacon. No 9 Jarrod Alberts was unbeaten on 60 as Beacon scored on 258-8. In reply, despite 63 from Andy Malkin and 77 from John Jennings, Hammerwich reached 253-8.

Penkridge retain hopes of automatic promotion from the Birmingham League Division Two thanks to a 100-run win over Fordhouses.

After the home side reached 263-8, at 128 for six Penkridge were in trouble before Mohammed hit 10 boundaries and six sixes. Fordhouses fared even worse, crashing to 67-8 before 55 from Chris Guest and 34 from Adan Hussain saw them to 163 before the last wicket fell.

Sutton's Dinushka Nawarathne took 3-26 and steered his side to victory over C&R Hawks with 50 runs in the Birmingham League second division. Hawks folded to 136 all out in 46 overs.

The Sri Lankan's knock then helped Sutton to 137-4 to keep them in the mix.

In Division Three, Lichfield enjoyed a 24-run win over Old Hill. Lichfield's Adam Braddock hit 52 as the city side were bowled out for 159.

At 109-4, Old Hill were on course for a routine victory, but the game was changed by James Wilkinson (5-30) who returned for a second spell that saw him take four wickets as Old Hill were toppled for 135.

Salim Ahmed hit 95 for Whitechurch against Milford Hall but the Staffordshire side won by four wickets, chasing down 212-8. Chris Dean took 3-66 for Milford before Chris Becker (68 not out) and Michael Astley (59) saw them home.

Youngster sails to £2.5k grant



Daniel O'Connor – 'I enjoy the speed of the boat most; it's fast and I feel calm inside'

A CHASE Sailing Club youngster whose life has been transformed through sailing has been awarded £2,500 to further his own enjoyment in the sport.

His club also receives £5,000 to continue opening doors to young people of all backgrounds and abilities.

It comes after Daniel O'Connor reached the final of the inaugural Panerai Challenger Trophy, a new partnership between international watch makers Panerai and RYA OnBoard.

Daniel, who turns 12 this month, was invited to the Panerai British Classic Week on the Isle

of Wight in July, where the four national finalists enjoyed a sail on the classic Swan 55 yacht 'Kira'.

RYA OnBoard is a national scheme making it easier and cheaper to get more young people aged eight to 18 on the water.

Daniel has been involved in RYA OnBoard at Youth Sailing @ Chasewater ever since he turned up at the club's Push The Boat Out open day in 2017.

He said: "I'm very proud of myself. I know I'm good at sailing and I enjoy the speed of the boat most; it's fast and I feel calm inside."

Free travel offer for first home game

ASTON Villa fans living across Cannock Chase can travel to the Villans' first home game of the season for free this weekend.

Villa take on Wigan Athletic on Saturday and Zeelo says fans can travel free direct to Villa Park if they book by entering the promo code "LIONS" on its website <https://zeelo.co/rides/aston-villa/aston-villa-vs-wigan-15354>

Tickets are sent straight to users' phones and the direct trip means that fans will not need to worry about parking or crowded public transport after the game.

Zeelo will be organising pick-up points for Villa fans from various locations in the West Midlands region, including Hednesford, Rugeley and Burntwood.

A full list of pick-up points for the fixture can be found at <https://zeelo.co/rides/aston-villa/aston-villa-vs-wigan-15354>

This season, Villa fans have the opportunity to purchase a season pass and enjoy discounted travel direct to Villa Park. The season pass will cover 10 home league games and prices start from £90.

For more information on season passes and tickets for journeys to other Villa games, visit <https://zeelo.co/rides/aston-villa>

Hayes draw blank as chances missed

Heath Hayes 0 Studley 0

A NEW-LOOK Hayes side under the guidance of new manager and ex-Aston Villa player Steve Cooke put in a great workmanlike performance against a highly rated Studley side.

Defences were on top in the early stages but when Studley get through they found Tom Burns in the Hayes goal in good form bringing off three fine saves, two from last season's 46-goal striker Dan Carter.

The second half saw it take a similar pattern as the first but with Hayes just failing to find the net from chances created by the hard-working Mitch Teece and Tod Sherwood.

Hayes had a fine chance to take all the points when a pinpoint cross from Will Osbourne was just touched off the head of substitute Osiris Robinson.

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